

### BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

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#### STATE OF NEVADA

REAL ESTATE COMMISSION BY

SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Case No.: 2016-646

Petitioner,

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KYLE KRCH,

RESPONDENT.

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA ("Division"), by and through its counsel, Adam Paul Laxalt, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and Peter Keegan, Deputy Attorney General, hereby notifies RESPONDENT KYLE KRCH ("RESPONDENT") of an administrative hearing before the STATE OF NEVADA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION ("Commission"). The hearing will be held pursuant to Chapter 233B and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine if the RESPONDENT should be subject to an administrative penalty as set forth in NRS 645.633 and/or NRS 645.630 and/or NRS 622.400, and the discipline to be imposed, if violations of law are proven.

# <u>JURISDICTION</u>

RESPONDENT was at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint licensed as a real estate broker under License Number B.0056206.LLC, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the provisions of NRS Chapter 645 and NAC Chapter 645.

# **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. RESPONDENT has been licensed as a real estate broker, License Number B.0056206.LLC, since November 23, 2005, and is currently in active status.
- 2. RESPONDENT has been the broker for KRCH Realty, LLC ("KRCH") at the relevant times mentioned in this Complaint.

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- Michael Cullum Harding ("Harding") has been licensed as a real estate 3. salesperson, License Number S.0169701, since July 14, 2010, and was associated with KRCH at the relevant times mentioned in this Complaint.
- Jason A. Jairam ("Jairam") has been licensed as a real estate salesperson, 4. License Number S.0170866, since August 16, 2011, and was associated with KRCH at the relevant times mentioned in this Complaint.

### WALL CANYON DRIVE

- On or about September 26, 2012, Geraldine Malone ("Malone") entered into an 5. Exclusive Right to Sell Contract, which engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 665 Wall Canyon Drive, Sun Valley, Nevada ("Wall Canyon").
- On or about October 1, 2012, Shayla Gifford ("Gifford") signed an Offer and 6. Acceptance Agreement for Wall Canyon.
  - 7. Harding was Gifford's agent.
- Gifford had a preexisting agreement with RESPONDENT and Harding to 8. purchase short sale properties offered by KRCH for an investor group ("the KRCH investor) group"), in which she, RESPONDENT, Sandra Krch, Harding, and Jeanette Hirschy were principals.
- On or about October 2, 2012, Malone presented a Counter Offer, which Gifford 9. accepted.
- On or about October 2, 2012, RESPONDENT signed and had Malone sign a 10. Seller's Waiver of Multiple Listing Service ("MLS") Benefits.
- RESPONDENT did not input Wall Canyon into the MLS until October 4, 2012, 11. when he listed the property as pending new/pending short sale.
- On or about October 8, 2012, Malone and Gifford executed a Short Sale 12. Addendum to the Offer and Acceptance Agreement.
- On or about October 9, 2012, RESPONDENT and Harding signed a Short Sale 13. Real Estate Licensee Certification ("Licensee Certification"), as licensees representing their respective clients, for Bank of America.

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- In paragraph 3 of the Licensee Certification, RESPONDENT acknowledged and 14. agreed that Wall Canyon has been listed on the MLS "at a listing price intended to generate open market competitive offers to purchase[,]" and that his or her "marketing efforts were in fact and 'in spirit' aimed towards maximizing the selling price of Property from a ready, willing and able buyer[,]" and that he "has not engaged in any conduct that restricts or limits offers from buyers . . .. "
- In paragraph 5 of the Licensee Certification, RESPONDENT acknowledged and 15. agreed that he was "not engaging in . . . "flipping . . . (whereby a recently acquired property is resold for a considerable profit with an artificially inflated value within a short period of time), . . . and/or straw buying." RESPONDENT further acknowledged and agreed that he had "disclosed all agreements or understandings relating to the current sale or subsequent sale of Property of which Licensee is aware of should be aware." Finally, in paragraph 5, RESPONDENT acknowledged and agreed that he was "not aware of any other agreements or understandings that call for the subsequent sale of the Property within 30 days of the current sale."
  - a. Despite these representations, Gifford, a member of the KRCH investor group, entered into an Exclusive Right to Sell Contract with RESPONDENT for the Wall Canyon property on January 12, 2013, with Hirschy listed as the owner and seller.
  - b. On January 13, 2013, an Offer was made by Gloria Deane Cutting to purchase the Wall Canyon property from Hirschy.
  - c. On January 14, 2013, less than 30 days after the close of the short sale transaction, a Counteroffer was made by Hirschy that was signed by RESPONDENT and accepted by the buyer, Gloria Dean Cutting.
  - d. During the entire period of time which RESPONDENT marketed the Wall Canyon property for sale including the date on which the property entered into contract for sale by Hirschy, the Wall Canyon property remained titled to Gifford and was not transferred to Hirschy until January 31, 2013.

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- In paragraph 7 of the Licensee Certification, RESPONDENT acknowledged and 16. agreed that "he or she has disclosed to Bank of America any known relationship to Buyer or ownership interest in Buyer's company, and Licensee representing Seller further acknowledges that he or she has no existing business relationship with Buyer and/or Seller other than the purchase of Property according to the terms and conditions of the purchase contract."
- Finally, in paragraph 8 of the Licensee Certification, RESPONDENT 17. acknowledged and agreed that "any misrepresentation or omission of a material fact may subject the responsible party to civil and/or criminal liability."
- On or about October 10, 2012, Malone and Gifford executed a Short Sale 18. Purchase Contract Addendum for Bank of America. However, the Short Sale Purchase Contract Addendum for Bank of America also contains a hand written date of September 28, 2012.
- In paragraph 8 of the Short Sale Purchase Contract Addendum, Gifford 19. acknowledged and agreed that the "property cannot be sold or otherwise transferred within 30 days of closing."
- In paragraph 11 of the Short Sale Purchase Contract Addendum, Malone and 20. Gifford acknowledged and agreed "that any misrepresentation or deliberate omission of fact that would induce the Bank of America, Investor or a Mortgage Insurer to agree to the terms of a short payoff that would not have been approved had all facts been known, constitutes Short Sales Fraud and may subject the responsible Party to civil and/or criminal liability."
- On or about December 28, 2012, Malone and Gifford signed a notarized Affidavit 21. of Arm's Length Transaction, wherein they affirmed that "there are no hidden terms or special understandings between the seller or buyer or their agents or mortgagor(s)."
- On or about that same day, the short sale transaction closed, and Gifford, a 22. member of the KRCH investor group, received title to Wall Canyon.
- RESPONDENT and Harding presented the Licensee Certification, Short Sale 23. Purchase Contract Addendum, and Affidavit of Arm's Length Transaction to Bank of America.

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24. RESPONDENT never disclosed Gifford's or his own relationship with the KRCH investor group to Bank of America during the Wall Canyon short sale transaction.

#### D'ARCY STREET

- 25. In January of 2013, Deborine Dolan ("Dolan") engaged RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 2745 D'Arcy Street, Sparks, Nevada ("D'Arcy Street").
- On or about February 14, 2013, Jeanette Hirschy ("Hirschy") signed a 26. Residential Offer and Acceptance Agreement for D'Arcy Street.
  - Jairam was Hirschy's agent. 27.
- Hirschy had a preexisting agreement with RESPONDENT and Jairam to 28. purchase short sale properties offered by KRCH for an investor group ("the KRCH investor group"), which she, RESPONDENT, Sandra Krch, Harding, and Gifford were principals.
- On or about February 14, 2013, Dolan presented a Counter Offer, which Hirschy 29. accepted.
- Between approximately July 17 and 30, 2013, RESPONDENT Deborine Dolan, 30. Wayne Dolan, and Hirschy, each executed the Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction" for Chase Bank.
- Jairam, the Buyer's Agent, did not sign the Affidavit of Arm's Length Transaction; 31. instead, RESPONDENT signed as both the Buyer and Seller's agent.
- The Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction" required that every party and agent 32. involved in the short sale transaction truthfully sign the affidavit. Specifically, the Affidavit states that "[t]he Lender and/or Servicer, in consideration of the representations made below by the Seller, the Buyer, and their respective agents agrees to accept less than the amount owed to resolve its Loan . . . on the express condition that the Seller, the Buyer, and their respective agents (including without limitation, real estate agents, escrow agents, and title agents) each truthfully represents, affirms, and states that to the best of each signatory's knowledge and belief."

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- In paragraph 2 of the Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction," RESPONDENT 33. represented, affirmed, and stated that "[n]o Buyer or agent of the buyer is a family member or business associate of the Seller, the borrower, or the mortgagor."
- In paragraph 3 of the Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction," RESPONDENT 34. represented, affirmed, and stated that "[n]o Buyer or agent of the Buyer shares a business interest with the Seller, the borrower, or the mortgagor."
- In paragraph 4 of the Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction," RESPONDENT 35. represented, affirmed, and stated that "[t]here are no hidden terms or hidden agreements or special understandings between the Seller and the Buyer or among their respective agents that are not reflected in the Agreement or the escrow instructions associated with this transaction."
- In paragraph 12 of the Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction," RESPONDENT 36. represented, affirmed, and stated that "any misrepresentation made by him or her may subject him or her to civil liability."
- On or about July 30, 2013, the short sale transaction closed, and Hirschy, a 37. member of the KRCH investor group, received title to D'Arcy Street.
- RESPONDENT never disclosed Hirschy's, or his own, relationship with the 38. KRCH investor group to Chase Bank during the D'Arcy Street short sale transaction.

# **CERVINO DRIVE**

- On or about June 12, 2013, Stephanie Tobey ("Tobey") 39. RESPONDENT to list and sell real property located at 11480 Cervino Drive, Reno, Nevadal ("Cervino Drive").
- On or about that same day, RESPONDENT had Tobey signed a KRCH 40. document regarding "Full Disclosure of the Investor Purchasing your home via Short Sale" ("KRCH Disclosure").
- The KRCH Disclosure provides that RESPONDENT has a financial interest in 41. the investor group that will be purchasing Cervino Drive and hopes to earn a profit from reselling Cervino Drive in the future.

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- 42. On or about June 14, 2013, Hirschy signed a Residential Offer and Acceptance Agreement for Cervino Drive.
  - 43. Jairam was Hirschy's agent.
  - On or about June 14, 2013, Tobey presented a Counter Offer to Hirschy. 44.
  - 45. Hirschy accepted the Counter Offer on or about June 17, 2013.
- On or about December 17 and 18, 2013, RESPONDENT Tobey, Hirschy, and 46. Lori Silva, the escrow agent, each executed, in the presence of a notary, the Short Sale Affidavit for Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC.
- Jairam, the Buyer's Agent, did not sign the Short Sale Affidavit; instead, 47. RESPONDENT signed as both the Buyer and Seller's agent.
- The Short Sale Affidavit required that every party and agent sign the Affidavit 48. under the penalty of perjury. Specifically, the Affidavit states that "[t]his Short Sale Affidavit ('Affidavit') is given by the Seller(s), Buyer(s), Agent(s), and Facilitator to the Servicer and the Investor of the mortgage loan secured by the Property ("Mortgage") inconsideration for the mutual and respective benefits to be derived from the short sale of the Property."
- In paragraph "(a)" of the Short Sale Affidavit, RESPONDENT represented, 49. warranted, and agreed "under the pains and penalties of perjury" that "[t]he sale of the Property is an 'arm's length' transaction, between Seller(s) and Buyer(s) who are unrelated and unaffiliated by family, marriage, or commercial enterprise."
- In paragraph "(d)" of the Short Sale Affidavit, RESPONDENT represented, 50. warranted, and agreed "under the pains and penalties of perjury" that "[t]here are no agreements, understandings or contracts relating to the current sale or subsequent sale of the Property that have not been disclosed to the Servicer."
- In paragraph "(g)" of the Short Sale Affidavit, RESPONDENT represented, 51. warranted, and agreed "under the pains and penalties of perjury" that he understood that a misrepresentation may subject the person making the misrepresentation to civil and/or criminal liability.

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- 52. On or about December 27, 2013, the short sale transaction closed, and Hirschy, a member of the KRCH investor group, received title to Cervino Drive.
- RESPONDENT did not present the KRCH Disclosure to any of the banks, 53. lenders, or servicers involved in the Cervino Drive short sale transaction.
- RESPONDENT never disclosed Hirschy's, or his own, relationship with the 54. KRCH investor group to any of the banks, lenders, or servicers involved in the Cervino Drive short sale transaction.

### **VIOLATIONS**

RESPONDENT has committed the following violations of law:

- RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(1), by 55. presenting the Wall Canyon Licensing Certification to Bank of America fraudulently misrepresenting that the property was properly listed on the MLS to generate open market competitive offers.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(1), by 56. presenting the Wall Canyon Licensing Certification to Bank of America while fraudulently misrepresenting the fact that he had an existing business relationship with the prearranged Buyer, Gifford.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(1), by 57. presenting the Real Estate License Certification to Bank of America while fraudulently misrepresenting the fact that the intention and objective of the KRCH investor group was to "flip" the Wall Canyon Property after obtaining it through the KRCH investor group's straw buyer, Shayla Gifford, for an inflated value within a short time.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(1), by 58. presenting the Wall Canyon Affidavit of Arm's Length Transaction to Bank of America while fraudulently misrepresenting the fact that there was a prearranged buyer for that property.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(1), by 59. presenting the D'Arcy Street Affidavit of "Arm's Length Transaction" to Chase Bank while

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fraudulently misrepresenting the fact that that he had an existing business relationship with the prearranged Buyer, Hirschy.

- RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(1), by 60. fraudulently misrepresenting that the sale of Cervino Drive was an arm's length transaction, which is evidenced by the KRCH Disclosure presented to and signed by the Seller, Stephanie R. Tobey, but withheld from Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(1), by 61. presenting the Cervino Drive Short Sale Affidavit to Bayview Loan Servicing, LLC, while fraudulently misrepresenting the fact that he had an existing business relationship with the prearranged Buyer, Hirschy.

### **DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED**

- Pursuant to NRS 645.630 and NRS 645.633, the Commission is empowered to 62. impose an administrative fine of up to \$10,000 per violation against RESPONDENT and further to suspend, revoke or place conditions on the license of RESPONDENT.
- Additionally, under NRS Chapter 622, the Commission is authorized to impose 63. costs of the proceeding upon RESPONDENT, including investigative costs and attorney's fees, if the Commission otherwise imposes discipline on RESPONDENT.
- Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission take such disciplinary 64. action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

# NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider the Administrative Complaint against the above-named RESPONDENT in accordance with Chapters 233B and 645 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 645 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE on October 5, 2016, commencing at 1:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the Commission is able to hear the matter, and each day thereafter commencing at 9:00 a.m. through October 7, 2016, or earlier if the business The Commission meeting will be held on of the Commission is concluded.

October 5, 2016, at the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Room 2134, Carson City, Nevada 89701. The meeting will continue on October 6, 2016, at the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Room 2134, Carson City, Nevada 89701, commencing at 9:00 a.m., and on October 7, 2016, should business not be concluded, starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Legislative Building, 401 South Carson Street, Room 2134, Carson City, Nevada 89701.

STACKED CALENDAR: Your hearing is one of several hearings scheduled at the same time as part of a regular meeting of the Commission that is expected to last from October 5 through October 7, 2016, or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. Thus, your hearing may be continued until later in the day or from day to day. It is your responsibility to be present when your case is called. If you are not present when your hearing is called, a default may be entered against you and the COMMISSION may decide the case as if all allegations in the Complaint were true. If you have any questions please call Rebecca Hardin, Commission Coordinator (702) 486-4074.

YOUR RIGHTS AT THE HEARING: except as mentioned below, the hearing is an open meeting under Nevada's open meeting law, and may be attended by the public. After the evidence and arguments, the Commission may conduct a closed meeting to discuss your alleged misconduct or professional competence. A verbatim record will be made by a certified court reporter. You are entitled to a copy of the transcript of the open and closed portions of the meeting, although you must pay for the transcription.

As the RESPONDENT, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice. At the hearing, the Division has the burden of proving the allegations in the Complaint and will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

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You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making the request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevance of the witness' testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights you have are listed in NRS 645.680 through 645.990, NRS Chapter 233B, and NAC 645.810 through 645.920.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the RESPONDENT has violated NRS 645 and/or NAC 645 and if the allegations contained herein are substantially proven by the evidence presented and to further determine what administrative penalty, if any, is to be assessed against the RESPONDENT, pursuant to NRS 645.235, 645.633 and/or 645.630.

DATED this <u>257</u> day of August, 2016.

State of Nevada

Department of Business and Industry

Real Estate Division

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