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BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

STATE OF NEVADA

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

Case No. 2019-521

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Petitioner,

VS.

JULES MITCHELL LEHR,

Respondent.

FINDING OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

This matter came on for hearing before the Real Estate Commission, Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada (the "Commission"), during a regular agenda set for a three-day stack commencing on June 15, 2021, and was then continued to its regular agenda set for a three-day stack commencing September 14, 2021 (the "Hearing"). RESPONDENT Jules Mitchell Lehr ("RESPONDENT") appeared at the Hearing along with his counsel, Kathryn Holbert, Esq. Karissa D. Neff, Esq., Senior Deputy Attorney General with the Nevada Attorney General's Office, appeared on behalf of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada (the "Division"). After hearing testimony presented in this matter and for good cause appearing, the Commission now enters its Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order against RESPONDENT as follows:

JURISDICTION

RESPONDENT at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint was licensed as a real estate salesperson by the Division, and, although not holding a permit to manage property issued by the Division, conducted activities for which such a permit is required. He is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the Commission and the provisions of NRS chapter 645 and NAC chapter 645.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Commission, based on the evidence presented during the Hearing and the vote that carried, enters the finding of the following facts:

- RESPONDENT has been licensed by the Division as a real estate salesperson,
 S.0174507. At all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint, RESPONDENT was under the broker
 American Realty Properties, LLC. His most recent broker is Sin City Realty, LLC.
- 2. On or about May 18, 2018, Edward Labate electronically signed, as tenant ("the tenant"), a multi-year Residential Lease Agreement (the Agreement) prepared by RESPONDENT for 4350 Newview Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89103 (4350 Newview).
- 3. Under the Agreement RESPONDENT presented to the tenant, the tenant paid initial costs, charges and deposits on the tenancy in the amount of \$3,500.
- 4. RESPONDENT provided the owner, Xinfeng Li ("the owner"), a different version of the Agreement, which only required tenant to pay the owner initial costs, charges and deposits of only \$2,000.
- 5. In the course of the Division's investigation, RESPONDENT denied drafting the Agreement, claiming instead that the owner drafted it.
 - 6. RESPONDENT denied doing any property management at Newview.
 - 7. However:
 - a. RESPONDENT collected the initial costs, charges and deposits in the amount of \$3,500 from the tenant, including the \$1,500 excess over what the owner was due under the owner's version of the Agreement.
 - RESPONDENT intended the \$1,500 or other valuable consideration as fees for his management services.
 - c. The Agreement provided that "agent jules lehr (sic) is to assist owner to make necessary repairs and cleaning and furnish oven before tennant (sic) moves in."
 - d. RESPONDENT has in fact claimed he did cleaning and landscaping at and provided a stove to 4350 Newview.
 - e. RESPONDENT had previously signed a stipulation to settle a matter brought before the Commission which matter involved two occasions of managing property without a permit.

8. RESPONDENT misrepresented to the Division investigator that he received no pay for the transaction, having received the \$1,500 or other consideration.

- 9. RESPONDENT failed to turn over the \$1,500 or other consideration in his possession and legally due another until nearly a year later, after the tenant complained about it and threatened to expose RESPONDENT.
- 10. After requesting and being granted an extension of time to respond to the complaint, RESPONDENT delayed nearly two weeks beyond the extended deadline to respond to the Division's request.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing findings of fact, the Commission concludes, by the vote that carried, that RESPONDENT committed the following violations of law:

- 11. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.235(1)(b) by engaging or offering to engage in an activity for which a property management permit issued by the Division is required, without an active permit in place.
- 12. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.630(1)(a) (making a material misrepresentation), NRS 645.321 or NRS 645.633(1)(i), pursuant to NAC 645.605(1) (conduct which constitutes deceitful, dishonest or fraudulent dealing) by misrepresenting the terms of the Agreement to the owner and the tenant.
- 13. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(11)(a) (failing to comply or delaying compliance with a request by the Division to provide documents) by not providing a response to the complaint within the time permitted.
- 14. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.630(f) (failing, within a reasonable time, to account for or to remit any money which belongs to others), by failing to pay over the \$1,500 or other consideration within a reasonable time.
- 15. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(11)(c) (supplying false information to an investigator, auditor or any other officer of the Division), specifically by stating to the Division's investigator that he did not prepare the Agreement or that he received no consideration under the agreement.

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