# BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

## STATE OF NEVADA

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VS.

MARK A. HALL,

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

Petitioner.

Respondent.

Case No. 2020-962



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REAL ESTATE COMMISSION

# COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The REAL ESTATE DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY OF THE STATE OF NEVADA ("Division") hereby notifies RESPONDENT MARK A. HALL ("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 645.630 and/or NRS 622.400, and the discipline to be imposed, if violations of law are proven.

#### **JURISDICTION**

RESPONDENT was at all relevant times mentioned in this Complaint licensed as a Broker under license number B.0042782.LLC and holds a Property Management Permit under Credential Number PM.0142782.BRK, and is therefore subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the Commission, and the provisions of NRS chapter 645 and NAC chapter 645. NRED 0001-0002; 0004.

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

- 1. RESPONDENT is the Broker and owner of Southwestern Management And Realty Team ("SMART"). NRED 0001-0004; 0008-0010.
- 2. RESPONDENT'S brokerage, SMART, managed the following nine properties: (a) 700 Carnegie St. #3814, Henderson, NV 89002 ("Property #1"); (b) 10593 Valdosta Ave. Las Vegas, NV 89129 ("Property #2"); (c) 917 Wanger Valley Henderson, NV 89052 ("Property #3"); (d) 1351 Silver

- property owner was charged and paid \$279 for the kitchen faucet repair. NRED 0065; 0070.
- On January 14, 2019, GSE Handyman Services invoiced SMART for "rent ready" repairs and repairs to the guest shower valve at Property #1, a total amount due of \$125. NRED 0061; 0066; 0067.

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- 10. RESPONDENT's Statement of Account for Property #1 provides that on January 16, 2019, the property owners were charged and paid \$249 for the "rent ready" and guest shower repairs. NRED 0066; 0072.
- 11. On April 22, 2019, GSE Handyman Services invoiced SMART for services performed at Property #9 related to a bathroom toilet leak, dishwasher leak and garage door malfunction, a total amount due of \$150.00. NRED 0092.
- 12. RESPONDENT's Statement of Account for Property #9 provides that on May 3, 2019, the property owners were charged and paid \$227.14 for the services and repairs related to the bathroom toilet, dishwasher, and garage door. NRED 0106.

- On September 4, 2019, SMART billed \$426.49 to Property #4 for the services performed
- On November 18, 2019, GSE Handyman Services invoiced SMART for services performed at Property #9 related to a garbage disposal motor failure and a faucet base, a total amount due of \$300. NRED 0094.
- 20. RESPONDENT's Statement of Account for Property #9 provides that on November 15, 2019, the property owners were charged and paid \$279.36 for services performed related to the garbage disposal, and on November 20, 2019, the property owners were charged and paid \$425.00 for the repairs related to the faucet base and valves failing. NRED 0107.
- 21. On November 18, 2019, GSE Handyman Services invoiced SMART for services related to the repair of the garbage disposal at Property #9, totaling an amount due of \$300. NRED 0020.
- 22. On November 20, 2019, SMART billed \$425.00 to Property #9 for the repairs related to the garbage disposal. NRED 0019.
- 23. On December 8, 2019, Catania & Son Plumbing invoiced SMART for services performed at Property #5 related to the repair of leaking kitchen faucet and replacement with a new faucet a total of \$295. NRED 0015.

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Trust Account Reconciliations and Bank Statements for the Operating Accounts for the August through

December 2019, January, February, July, August, September, and October of 2020 by November 6, 2020.

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NRED 005-0006.

- 45. On November 18, 2020, RESPONDENT voluntarily submitted his affidavit to the Division including the complete transaction/broker file for the Properties, explaining he was unaware of the overcharging, states he completely relied on Gardner, and was still working on recovering stolen property from former employees, including complete records for the Properties. **NRED 0028-0029.**
- 46. On November 20, 2020, RESPONDENT provided the Division with the reconciliations for the Properties and additional requested documents. **NRED 0031.**
- 47. On November 25, 2020, RESPONDENT provided the Division with the requested and completed Form 546s. **NRED 0035.**
- 48. On January 19, 2021, the Division sent RESPONDENT correspondence to request copies of outside vendor invoices for the Properties due by February 3, 2021. **NRED 0007.**
- 49. On February 1, 2021, RESPONDENT responded to the Division's request for outside vendor invoices for the Properties, explaining it was difficult to recover all business documents as they were destroyed by former employees. **NRED 0036-0038.**

#### **VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

- 50. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(h) pursuant to NAC 645.605(1) when RESPONDENT failed to protect property owners from SMART's overcharges for maintenance and repairs to Properties #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, #8 and #9.
- 51. RESPONDENT violated NRS 645.633(1)(i) pursuant to NAC 645.605(6) by engaging in conduct which constitutes deceitful, fraudulent, or dishonest dealing by breaching his obligation of absolute fidelity to the property owners when he overcharged for the maintenance services performed on the Properties and profited from the same.

#### DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

Pursuant to NRS 645.630 and NRS 645.633, the Commission is empowered to impose an administrative fine up to \$10,000 per violation and suspend, revoke or place conditions on your license if warranted.

Additionally, under NRS 622.400, the Commission is authorized to impose 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 action as it deems appropriate under the circumstances.

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## 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 May 2, 2023, commencing at 9:00 a.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 May 4, 2023, or earlier if the business of the Commission is concluded. The Commission meeting will be held on May 2, 2023, at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 West Sahara Avenue, 4th Floor – Nevada Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102. The meeting will continue on each day thereafter commencing at 9:00 a.m. through May 4, 2023, at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 West Sahara Avenue, 4th Floor – Nevada Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102, until the business of the Commission is concluded.

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 May 2, 2023 through May 4, 2023, 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 Kelly Valadez, Commission Coordinator (702) 486-4606.

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.

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 645.875.

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 is to be assessed against the RESPONDENT, if any, pursuant to NRS 645.235, 645.633 and or 645.630.

DATED this 30 day of March, 2023.

State of Nevada

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