

May 18, 2001

Mr. Rafael Christopher Cirino

Re: ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST
IMPERSONATION OF A CERTIFIED NEW JERSEY EMT-BASIC
Investigation Control # 01-C-016

Dear Mr. Cirino:

Staff of this Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) recently became aware of the fact that you have been impersonating an EMT-Basic. Specifically, OEMS staff has learned that you have been employed by Access Ambulance since March 17, 2001, where you perform all of the duties of a certified New Jersey EMT-Basic. However, a review of OEMS records clearly verifies that you are not now, nor have you ever been, certified by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services as an EMT-Basic. As such, it is clear that the EMT-Basic certification card that you submitted in order to secure employment with Access Ambulance is, in fact, fraudulent. Please be advised that officials at Access Ambulance have been advised of this fact.

In addition, OEMS staff has been in contact with officials at the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), who have verified that you do not hold NREMT certification as either an EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic.

N.J.A.C. 8:40A-9.1 sets forth the complete list of standards for certification as a New Jersey EMT-Basic. Only those individuals that have met those qualifications and have been officially certified by this Department's OEMS may hold themselves out to the public as EMT-Basics. In the event that an individual represents himself as being a certified EMT-Basic when, in fact, he or she is not so certified, this Department is obligated to take steps to halt such activity.

Therefore, you are hereby ordered to immediately CEASE AND DESIST any further representations that you are a certified New Jersey EMT-Basic. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-16, failure to comply with this Order may result in an action by this Department for injunctive relief in the Superior Court of New Jersey. This Order constitutes a final agency decision. As such, pursuant to New Jersey Court Rule 2:23, should you choose to contest this decision, your right to appeal rests with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division. Finally, please be advised that by copy of this letter, Ridgefield Park Police and officials at Fort Dix are also being notified of this action.

Your full cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. James Mondoro, Case Investigator or Ms. Darcy Saunders, Legal Specialist at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

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