

State of New Jersey DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PO BOX 360

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KAITLAN BASTON, MD, MSC, DFASAM Commissioner

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April 25, 2024

Tyler Kademian

## Re: Notice of SummarySuspension EMS ID # 614088 Investigation Control # 24-0216

Dear Mr. Kademian:

The New Jersey Department of Health (Department) is vested with the responsibility of carrying out the provisions of the Health Care Facilities Planning Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:2H-1 to -27, which was enacted, in part, to ensure that all hospital and related health care services rendered in the State of New Jersey are of the highest quality. As defined at <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:2H-2(b), health care services include any pre-hospital care rendered by Basic Life Support (BLS) personnel. In addition, the Emergency Medical Services Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 26:2K-7 to -69, authorizes the Department to certify Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs). In furtherance of the objectives set forth in the statutes, the Department has adopted regulations that govern the training, certification and professional conduct of EMTs and EMT candidates. (See <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:40A-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>)

On March 25, 2024, the Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS) received notification that you were allegedly arrested and may have committed a crime. Consistent with OEMS regulatory authority and policy, the OEMS opened an investigation in response to this notification.

Upon opening the investigation, the OEMS investigator confirmed that you are currently certified by the OEMS as an EMT and have been certified as an EMT since August 13, 2014. Further, the investigator confirmed that you were charged on March 21, 2024, with the following under Complaint No. W 2024 000474 in Cherry Hill, Camden County:

 Endangering-distribution of child porn/abuse in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:24-4B(5)(A)(I).

PHILIP D. MURPHY Governor

TAHESHA L. WAY Lt. Governor  Knowingly possessing at least 1,000 items of child sexual exploitation or abuse of a child in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree in violation of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 2C:24-4B(5)(B)(III).

Specifically, it is alleged that you knowingly distributed digital images and/or video of a child engaged in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act using the Kik application. Additionally, you were found to have been in the possession of digital images and/or digital videos of a child engaged in a prohibited sexual act or in the simulation of such an act in a Kik messenger account that was in your control.

As you are aware, EMTs must make important medical assessments and carry out appropriate medical interventions in difficult field locations for patients young and old, combative, and docile. In order to effectively care for all patients, EMTs must exercise good judgment and treat patients with dignity and respect. They are entrusted by the public to be there in times of need. Thus, EMTs must trust each other and be trusted by police officers, firefighters, doctors, and other professionals. In short, EMTs must be law-abiding and must be trusted to care for all patients in an appropriate, safe manner.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department has determined that your EMT certification must be **summarily suspended**. Pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:40A-10.2, "[t]he Commissioner, or his or her designee, may summarily suspend a person's EMT-Basic and/or EMT-Instructor certification when, in his or her opinion, the continued certification of that person poses an immediate or serious threat to the public health, safety or welfare." The above actions demonstrate that you not only have poor judgment and a lack of trustworthiness but that you pose a threat to vulnerable patients. These behaviors and actions are incompatible with the duties of an EMT and the Department finds that your continued certification as an EMT constitutes an immediate and serious threat to public health, safety, and welfare. Therefore, your certification as an EMT is immediately suspended. You may not, under any circumstances, act in the capacity of, or perform the duties of an EMT in New Jersey during this period of suspension.

In the interim, the OEMS will continue to monitor the progression of your criminal case. After the charges against you have been resolved, and OEMS completes its investigation, you will be advised of what action, if any, the OEMS will take with respect to your EMT certification.

Pursuant to <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 8:40A-10.3, you may appeal to the Commissioner of the Department of Health for emergency relief to contest this summary suspension. Your request for a hearing on this matter must be submitted in writing and must be accompanied by a response to the charges contained herein. Please include the investigation control number **24-0216** on your correspondence, and forward your request to:

New Jersey Department of Health Office of Legal & Regulatory Compliance P.O. Box 360 Trenton, NJ 08625-0360

Failure to submit a written request for emergency relief within 30 days from the date of this Notice shall be interpreted as an acceptance of this Department's decision to summarily suspend your EMT certification pending completion of its investigation, thereby forfeiting all rights to emergency relief. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Daniel Kazar at (609) 633-7777 or via email at Daniel.Kazar@doh.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Candace Gardner, Paramedic Director

Office of Emergency Medical Services

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