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TO: ALL NEW JERSEY BOUNTY HUNTERS AND/OR FUGITIVE RECOVERY AGENTS.:

The New Jersey State Police, Private Detective Unit will begin accepting applications July 1, 2008 for Bounty Hunter Licenses, as required by the Bounty Hunter Licensing Act. Only electronic applications and electronic payments will be accepted.

A person seeking a Bounty Hunter License shall submit a non-refundable application fee of \$300.00 with each application. Applicants shall submit fingerprints and a written consent for a criminal history background check to the Superintendent, as required by *N.J.A.C. 13:55B-2.3*.

N.J.A.C.13:55B-2.1 requires all persons seeking to be licensed as a bounty hunter meet the following licensing requirements:

- (a) Applicants must be at least 25 years of age.
- (b) Applicants must have at least five years of experience in one of the following:
 1. Five years experience as a law enforcement officer and no longer be employed or attached in any capacity whatsoever to a law enforcement agency;
 2. Five years of experience working as a private detective, licensed under the Private Detective Act of 1939, N.J.S.A. 45:19-8 et seq., or subsequent State law, or the laws of any other state.
 3. Five years of investigative employment working for a private detective, licensed under the Private Detective Act of 1939 or subsequent State Law, or the laws of any other state.



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(c) Any applicant that can document or demonstrate that they, for at least five years prior to February 2007, have engaged in the business of or performed the functions, activities or services of a bounty hunter, or has held a business of a bounty hunter. Such applicant shall be permitted to submit their application and attend the bounty hunter training course in accordance with N.J.A.C. 13:55B-2.5.

Applicants can access the New Jersey State Police, Private Detective Unit Homepage, at <http://www.njsp.org/about/private-detective.html> for a posting of the Bounty Hunter Licensing Act, applicable Administrative Codes, updates, changes, instructions, and frequently asked questions. The application link is located in the "**BOUNTY HUNTERS**" section.

You may also contact the Private Detective Unit, at (609) 341-3426 or email us at pdu@gw.njsp.org

Thank you for your cooperation.

FOR COLONEL JOSEPH R. FUENTES
SUPERINTENDENT

Sincerely,



Lieutenant Edward McDonough
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