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8	BEFORE THE STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA							
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10	STATE OF	JALIFORNIA						
11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2014-20						
.12	RODNEY J. OVERSTREET, JR.	ACCUSATION						
13	22479 Birds Eye Drive Diamond Bar, CA 91765							
14	Applicator License No. RA 51309, Br. 2 and 3							
15	Respondent.							
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17	Complainant alleges:							
18	<u>PARTIES</u>							
19	1. Susan Saylor (Complainant) brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as							
20	the Registrar/ Executive Officer of the Structural Pest Control Board, Department of Consumer							
21	Affairs.							
22	2. On or about September 3, 2010, the Structural Pest Control Board (Board) issued							
23	Applicator License No. RA 51309, in Branch 2 (general pest) and 3 (termite) to Rodney J.							
24	Overstreet, Jr. (Respondent), employee of G M C Pest Control. The Applicator License was in							
25	full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on							
26	September 3, 2013, unless renewed.							
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## **JURISDICTION**

3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

## STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 490 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
- 5. Section 8620 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the holder, while a licensee or applicant, has committed any acts or omissions constituting cause for disciplinary action or in lieu of a suspension may assess a civil penalty.
  - 5. Section 8625 states:

"The lapsing or suspension of a license or company registration by operation of law or by order or decision of the board or a court of law, or the voluntary surrender of a license or company registration shall not deprive the board of jurisdiction to proceed with any investigation

of or action or disciplinary proceeding against such licensee or company, or to render a decision suspending or revoking such license or registration."

## 7. Section 8649 states:

"Conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a structural pest control operator, field representative, applicator, or registered company is a ground for disciplinary action. The certified record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."

#### 8. Section 8654 states:

"Any individual who has been denied a license for any of the reasons specified in Section 8568, or who has had his or her license revoked, or whose license is under suspension, or who has failed to renew his or her license while it was under suspension, or who has been a member, officer, director, associate, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee of any partnership, corporation, firm, or association whose application for a company registration has been denied for any of the reasons specified in Section 8568, or whose company registration has been revoked as a result of disciplinary action, or whose company registration is under suspension, and while acting as such member, officer, director, associate, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee had knowledge of or participated in any of the prohibited acts for which the license or registration was denied, suspended or revoked, shall be prohibited from serving as an officer, director, associate, partner, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee of a registered company, and the employment, election or association of such person by a registered company is a ground for disciplinary action."

## 9. Section 8655 states:

"A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a structural pest control operator, field representative, applicator, or registered company is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article or Section 8568 of this chapter. The board may order the license or registration suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under

the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing the individual or registered company to withdraw a plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment."

## . REGULATORY PROVISIONS

10. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1937.1 states, in pertinent part:

"For the purposes of denial, suspension or revocation of a license or company registration pursuant to Division 1.5 (commencing with Section 475) of the code, a crime or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensee or registered company under Chapter 14 of Division 3 of the code if to a substantial degree it evidences present or potential unfitness of such licensee or registered company to perform the functions authorized by the license or company registration in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

## **COST RECOVERY**

11. Section 125.3 states, in pertinent part, that a Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

### FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

# (Conviction of a Substantially Related Crime)

12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under sections 8649 and 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1937.1, in that Respondent has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a licensed applicator. On or about June 11, 2013 in the criminal proceeding entitled *The People of the State of California v. Rodney Jerome Overstreet* (Super. Ct. Orange County, 2012, No. 12WM08835), Respondent was convicted on his plea of guilty to the following three counts: (1) one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 496, subdivision (a) [receiving known stolen property]; (2) one misdemeanor count of violating Penal Code section 484, subdivision (a) – 488 [petty theft]: and, (3) one misdemeanor count of violating Vehicle Code section 10852 [unlawful tampering with vehicle].

- 13. On or about December 27, 2012, Respondent failed to appear at the Orange County Superior Court for a scheduled hearing in his criminal case and the court issued a bench warrant that was exonerated following his appearing for sentencing on or about June 11, 2013.
- 14. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about August 4, 2012, Respondent was observed pulling on multiple car door handles of vehicles that were parked on Walnut Avenue, in Huntington Beach, CA. When Respondent was detained, by the Huntington Beach Police Department, he admitted to having stolen property from one of the parked cars and was in possession of the stolen property.

## **OTHER MATTERS**

- 15. Section 8620 provides, in pertinent part, that a respondent may request that a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 be assessed in lieu of an actual suspension of 1 to 19 days, or not more than \$10,000 for an actual suspension of 20 to 45 days. Such request must be made at the time of the hearing and must be noted in the proposed decision. The proposed decision shall not provide that a civil penalty shall be imposed in lieu of a suspension.
- 16. Pursuant to section 8654, if discipline is imposed on Applicator License issued to Respondent, Respondent shall be prohibited from serving as an officer, director, associate, partner, qualifying manager, or responsible managing employee for any registered company during the time the discipline is imposed, and any registered company which employs, elects, or associates Respondent shall be subject to disciplinary action.

#### **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Applicator License No. RA 51309, issued to Rodney J. Overstreet, Jr.;
- 2. Ordering Rodney J. Overstreet, Jr. to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to section 125.3; and

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