



STATE OF OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD

ADJUDICATION ORDER
in the Matter of:

ALEXANDER CRISTIAN A38748200
Belmont Correctional Institution
68518 Bannock Road
State Route 331, PO Box 540
St. Clairsville, OH 43950

IN THE MATTER OF ALEXANDER CRISTIAN TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED
SOCIAL WORKER IN THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE MATTER OF ALEXANDER CRISTIAN CAME BEFORE THE FOLLOWING
MEMBERS OF THE SOCIAL WORKER PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS
COMMITTEE OF THE OHIO COUNSELOR AND SOCIAL WORKER BOARD: JANE
A. DAROFF, GLENN ABRAHAM, ROCKY BLACK, GWENDOLYN DACONS-
TAYLOR, CHESTER PARTYKA, AND PENNY WYMAN.

FINDINGS, ORDER, AND JOURNAL ENTRY

This matter came for consideration after a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing was issued to Alexander Cristian by the Social Work Professional Standards Committee on January 22, 2001.

Pursuant to R.C. 119.07 licensees are entitled to a hearing before the Board if such a hearing is requested within thirty days of the mailing of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. In this case, Alexander Cristian failed to make a timely request for such a hearing, therefore pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals, 95 APE 10-1358 a hearing was held before the Social Worker Professional Standards Committee on March 15, 2001. At this hearing the Board by and through their Assistant Attorney General, David V. Patton, presented evidence in support of the Notice of Opportunity for Hearing. Alexander Cristian was not present.

Summary of Evidence

State's Exhibits

A. Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Alexander Cristian, dated January 22, 2001, and copy of Certified Mail Receipt #Z497512583.

B. Letter dated February 23, 2001, from the Board to Mr. Cristian scheduling a hearing on March 15, 2001, pursuant to *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals, 95 APE 10-1358 and copy of Certified Mail Receipt #70993400001392620814.

C. Copy of the court Indictment from the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas in the case of *The State of Ohio vs. Alex Cristian*.

D. Copy of the Finding of Guilty Plea to Amended Indictment from the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas in the case of *State of Ohio vs. Alex Cristian*.

E. Copy of the Entry on Sentence from the Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas in the case of *State of Ohio vs. Alex Cristian*.

F. Copy of Ohio Revised Code Section 2907.05, Gross Sexual Imposition.

G. Testimony of William L. Hegarty, Investigative Supervisor, for the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board.

Findings of Fact

On February 2, 2000, Alexander Cristian was convicted in the Court of Common Pleas, Trumbull County Ohio to a felony of the fourth degree for Gross Sexual Imposition.

Conclusions of Law

Ohio Revised Code Section 4757.36(A)(5) provides that the Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board may take disciplinary action against a licensee who has been convicted of any crime that is a felony in the State of Ohio.

Discussion

The Committee, prior to rendering its decision, considered all the documentary evidence and testimony provided in the case. Mr. Cristian is licensed as a social worker in the State of Ohio and as such the Committee has jurisdiction to discipline the license of Mr. Cristian.

As required in the case of *Goldman v. State Medical Board* (March 29, 1996) Franklin County Court of Appeals 95APE10-1358, all cases where a Board issues a Notice for Opportunity for Hearing and the individual does not request a hearing, the Board still must review evidence presented to it and make specific findings of fact. In this case, Mr. Cristian did not make a timely request for a hearing after receipt of his Notice for Opportunity for Hearing.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that for the reasons outlined in this ORDER, the social work license of Alexander Cristian (S-13440) is REVOKED. This ORDER was approved by unanimous vote of the Members of the Social Work Professional Standards Committee who heard this case.

Motion carried by order of the Counselor and Social Worker Board

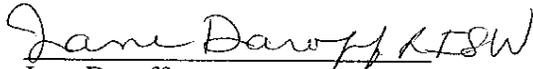
It is hereby certified by this Board that the above language is incorporated into the Board's journal in this matter.

APPEAL RIGHTS

Pursuant to Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code, you may appeal from this Order. Such an appeal may be taken to the court of common pleas in the county in which your place of business is located or to the court in the county in which you reside. If you do not have a place of business in Ohio and are not a resident of Ohio, you may appeal to the Court of Common Pleas in Franklin County, Ohio.

Such an appeal, setting forth the Order appealed from and the grounds of the appeal must be commenced by the filing of a Notice of Appeal with the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board and the appropriate Court within fifteen (15) days after the mailing of this notice and in accordance with the requirements of Section 119.12 of the Ohio Revised Code.

By Order of the State of Ohio Counselor and Social Worker Board.


Jane Daroff
Chairperson