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Brandon Clabes, Executive Director

LETTER OF REPRIMAND

August 5, 2022

Tempest L. Thorpe
3304 E. 3rd Street
Tulsa, OK 74112

RE: Acting as a Private Investigator without Proper License

Dear Ms. Thorpe:

This is an official letter of reprimand from the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training (CLEET) regarding your role in acting as a private investigator without proper license. The purpose of a letter of reprimand is to protect the public and to ensure that licensees under the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act are aware of and appreciate their obligation to follow state law and CLEET rules. A citation for such violation assessing a fine of \$500.00 is also incorporated into this letter.

CLEET has been made aware of a matter that occurred February 2020, wherein it was determined by an internal Tulsa Police Department investigation that you were hired by a Heather Anderson and/or Anthony Allen to conduct surveillance and report your findings regarding Ms. Anderson's three children without the prior authorization or knowledge of Mr. Aaron Anderson (the children's father). TPD's findings and an affidavit apparently executed by you on or about February 18, 2020, show you acted as a private investigator without having the appropriate licensing to do so. Acting as a private investigator without proper licensing is a violation of the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act and carries the possibility of a \$500.00 fine for a first offense and can be prosecuted as a misdemeanor with a punishment range of not more than 60 days imprisonment and/or a fine of not more than \$2,000.00. See 59 O.S. § 1750.11; 390:35 Appx. D. Pursuant to 70 O.S. § 3311(J)(1)(i), a peace officer is specifically subject to disciplinary action for violating any part of the Oklahoma Security Guard and Private Investigator Act.

While, as noted above, acting as a private investigator without a license is a violation that is subject to a variety of possible disciplinary responses, this letter of reprimand in conjunction with an administrative fine of \$500.00 appears to constitute an appropriate resolution in this instance. I feel this reprimand and fine are sufficient to safeguard the public interest and ensure your future compliance with applicable law and rules. However, CLEET hereby registers its concerns with the violations involved in this incident and suggests that you review the statutes and rules pertaining to the Private Security Guard and Private Investigator Act as well as peace officers' obligations to comply with such Act.

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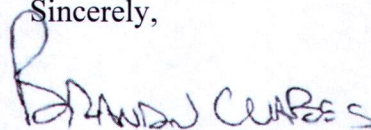
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Provided the assessed administrative fine is paid (or acceptable payment arrangements are made) within 30 days of the date of this letter, CLEET will take no further action against you with regard to this incident. If any violations occur in the future, CLEET may review this reprimand in assessing the appropriate disciplinary response to such future violations.

This letter of reprimand and the assessed fine constitute a final agency action that is subject to the Oklahoma Open Records Act. You have a right to appeal this final agency action pursuant to the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act. See 75 O.S. § 318. Such appeal must be initiated within thirty days of your receipt of this letter or reprimand.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "BRANDON CLABES". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "B".

Brandon Clabes
Executive Director
Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training