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Governor

CLIFTON R. LACY, M.D.
Acting Commissioner

April, 8, 2002

Michael A. Ridge, Jr (a.k.a. "Beau")

Re: **ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST IMPERSONATION OF A CERTIFIED NEW JERSEY EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN-BASIC**
Investigation Control #02-C-016

Dear Mr. Ridge:

It has come to the attention of this Department's Office of Emergency Medical Services that you have been impersonating an EMT-Basic. Specifically, OEMS staff has learned that you presented what appeared to be an official New Jersey EMT-Basic certification to Senior Transport. A review of our records shows that your EMT-Basic certification expired on December 31, 2000. The photocopy of the certification you presented to Senior Transportation has been altered to show an expiration date of December 31, 2001. Additionally, the name printed on the photocopied card is "M A RIDGE" where the name in our records is "BEAU U RIDGE." As such, it is clear that the EMT-Basic certification card that you submitted to Senior Transport did not come from our office and is fraudulent. In addition, OEMS staff has been in contact with officials at the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT), who have verified that you do not hold NREMT certification as either an EMT-Basic or EMT-Paramedic. Please be advised that officials at Senior Transport have been notified of these facts.

N.J.A.C. 8:40A-9.1 sets forth the complete list of standards for certification as a New Jersey EMT-Basic. Only those individuals that have met those qualifications and have been officially certified by this Department's OEMS may hold themselves out to the public as EMT-Basics. In the event that an individual represents himself as being a certified EMT-Basic when, in fact, he or she is not so certified, this Department is obligated to take steps to halt such activity.

As such, you are hereby **ordered to immediately CEASE AND DESIST** any further representations that you are a certified New Jersey EMT-Basic. Further, you are hereby instructed to surrender to OEMS any fraudulent EMT-Basic certification cards that may be in your possession. You are also prohibited from future certification as a New Jersey EMT-Basic. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 26:2H-16, failure to comply with this Order may result in action by this Department for injunctive relief in the Superior Court of New Jersey. This Order constitutes a final agency decision. As such, pursuant to New Jersey Court Rule 2:23, should you choose



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to contest this decision, your right to appeal rests with the Superior Court of New Jersey, Appellate Division.

Your full cooperation in this matter is appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Karen Halupke of my office at (609) 633-7777.

Sincerely,

Susan Way
Director, Office of Emergency Medical Services

c: NREMT
Senior Transport
Ms. Halupke, OEMS
Mr. Dinetz, OEMS
Mr. Dougan, OEMS
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SENT VIA REGULAR U.S. MAIL AND
CERTIFIED MAIL #
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED