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11 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

12 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CENTRAL DISTRICT

14 JOHN GROGAN, an individual,

) Case No.: BC391778

15 Plaintiff,

) Honorable Helen I. Bendix

) Dept. 18

16 vs.

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18 JOSEPH PAOLLELA, an individual;
19 JOHN TRIMARCO A.K.A. JACK
20 TRIMARCO, an individual; JACK
21 TRIMARCO & ASSOCIATES

) REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE
) BY JOHN TRIMARCO A.K.A. JACK
) TRIMARCO, MOVING PARTY

22 POLYGRAPH/INVESTIGATIONS, INC.,
23 a corporation; RALPH HILLIARD,
24 an individual; WORDNET
25 SOLUTIONS, INC., a corporation
and DOES 1 through 20,
inclusive,

) DATE: September 24, 2008
) TIME: 9:00 a.m.
) DEPT: 18

24 Defendants.

) ACTION FILED: 5/30/08
) COMPLAINT SERVED: 6/10/08
) ANSWER FILED: 7/11/08
) TRIAL DATE: No Trial Date

JOHN TRIMARCO A.K.A. JACK TRIMARCO ("Moving Party") hereby
respectfully requests this Court to take judicial notice

1 pursuant to Evidence Code §452 of the following pleadings and
2 certification of which specific certified copies have been
3 attached hereto received from the State of California Department
4 of Consumer Services Agency known as the Bureau of Security and
5 Investigative Services, case number IA96 9688:

6 1. A face sheet indicating the pleadings that have been
7 forwarded as certified (Exhibit 1);

8 2. A 7-page pleading entitled "Third Amended and
9 Supplemental Accusation" (Exhibit 2) (certified);

10 3. A pleading entitled "First Amended and Supplemental
11 Accusation" in case number IA96 9688 incorporated by reference
12 into paragraph 14 of Exhibit 2 (Exhibit 3) (certified stamp
13 missing);

14 4. The Decision in case number IA96 9688 revoking
15 Plaintiff's license including his private patrol operator
16 license, his private investigator license, his baton permit, and
17 his firearm permit (Exhibit 4) (certified); and

18 5. The Certification of Licensure certified as of July
19 21, 2008 regarding the revocation of certain licenses issued to
20 Plaintiff and to which reference was made in the Decision
21 attached hereto as Exhibit 4 (Exhibit 5) (certified).

22 Date: August 5, 2008

LAW OFFICE OF RICHARD A. HARVEY

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24 By: 

25 Richard A. Harvey, Attorney for
Defendants JOHN TRIMARCO
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July 21, 2008

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Re: John Grogan dba Gold Star Investigations

Dear Ms. Gaylene Oyama:

This is in response to your request for certified copies of the Proposed Decision, Decision, Third Amended and Supplemental Accusations and complaint history.

As requested certified copies of the following documents are enclosed:

- o A copy of the Proposed Decision and Order received and adopted by the Bureau on June 25, 2002.
- o A copy of the Third Amended and Supplemental Accusation filed December 10, 2001.
- o A copy of the Second Amended and Supplemental Accusation filed on August 1, 2001.
- o A copy of the First Amended and Supplemental Accusation filed on October 2, 1998.
- o A copy of the Original Accusation filed on February 5, 1998 against the Respondent's Private Investigator license, Private Patrol Operator License Firearm and Baton Permit.

We are also providing a Certification of Licensure which identifies all licenses held by Mr. Grogan.

All licenses and permits issued to the Respondent by the Bureau were revoked effective October 21, 2002. Additionally, the Respondent was ordered to pay the Bureau its costs of investigation and prosecution in the sum of \$21, 810.00 on or before the thirtieth day following the effective date of the Decision. To dated, no payments have been received.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (916) 575-7039.

Sincerely,

M. Murray
Monique Murray
Enforcement Unit

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8 **BEFORE THE**
BUREAU OF SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES
9 **DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
10 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

11 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. IA96 9688

12 **JOHN GROGAN**
dba Gold Star Investigation
13 P.O. Box 9065
Canoga Park, CA 91309
14 PI #15057
PPO #10093
15 BAT (baton) #473426
FQ (firearm) #87293

**THIRD AMENDED AND
SUPPLEMENTAL ACCUSATION**

16 Respondent.

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18 Complainant alleges:

19 13. Complainant makes and files this Third Amended and Supplemental
20 Accusation solely in her official capacity as such.

21 14. The allegations, and each of them, contained in the First Amended and
22 Supplemental Accusation in Case No. IA96 9688 are incorporated by reference herein as though
23 fully set forth at this point. This Third Amended and Supplemental Accusation supersedes and
24 replaces the Second Amended and Supplemental Accusation.

25 15. At all times pertinent herein the licenses and permits described in
26 paragraph 2 of the First Amended and Supplemental Accusation were in full force and effect.

27 16. Respondent's licenses and permits, as set out in paragraph 2 of the First
28 Amended and Supplemental Accusation, are subject to discipline pursuant to Business and

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the Department of Consumer Affairs

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1 Professions Code sections 490, 7561.1(a), 7561.1(b) (for violation of Business and Professions
2 Code sections 7539(a), 7561.2 and 7561.4), 7561.1(c) (taken in conjunction with 16 Calif. Code
3 of Regs. Section 660), 7561.1(g), and 7561.1(1) (taken in conjunction with Business and
4 Professions Code sections 480(a)(2), 7538(b) and (c), as follows:

5 C.M.

6 A. In or about December 1997, C.M. paid respondent \$3,000.00 for
7 respondent to serve as C.M.'s qualifying manager in connection with an application for licensure
8 by the Bureau. Despite the fact the license was never issued, because of the filing of charges in
9 Case No. IA96 9688, respondent failed to be available to C.M. in connection with the application
10 and C.M.'s questions about the application and misled C.M. as to the nature of the charges in the
11 case against respondent and as to the likelihood of early and favorable resolution of those
12 charges.

13 B. When C.M. thereafter had to obtain a new qualifying manager, respondent
14 repeatedly failed and refused to refund any part of the \$3,000.00 fee he had taken.

15 C. Respondent fraudulently and dishonestly insisted he was entitled to retain
16 all of the \$3,000.00.

17 R.D.

18 D. In or about June 1998, R.D., after reading an article by respondent in PI
19 Magazine in which respondent promised various materials for "a twenty", sent respondent a \$20
20 bill for the materials. Receiving no response, R.D. then sent respondent a check for \$20.00 for
21 the same materials on or about August 2, 1998, which was deposited.

22 E. Despite repeated calls and letters to respondent and promises by
23 respondent over the period of many months, respondent neither supplied the materials nor
24 refunded R.D.'s money.

25 E.W.

26 F. In or about April 1999, in response to an on-line solicitation she received,
27 E.W. paid respondent \$49.00 for membership in respondent's National Investigation Academy,
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1 which was to include, among other things, provision of certain materials and subscription to the
2 NIA's monthly journal.

3 G. Despite repeated requests by E.W., respondent has failed and refused to
4 provide any information or materials, or the journal, or to refund the \$49.00.

5 E.O.

6 H. In or before October 1999, respondent advertised the availability, through
7 his National Investigation Academy, of a Certified Master Investigator title. In or about October
8 1999, E.O. sent \$129.00 by check for testing materials, and the check was deposited by NIA in or
9 about November 1999.

10 I. Despite repeated demands, including to respondent personally and by
11 certified mail, NIA and respondent failed and refused either to provide the materials or to refund
12 the \$129.00. In fact, when E.O. contacted PI Magazine, where he had seen the advertisement,
13 respondent contacted E.O. by telephone, but only to, in obscene language, attack E.O. for having
14 contacted PI Magazine about the problem.

15 L.B.

16 J. On or about January 6, 2000, L.B. retained respondent to perform an asset
17 search on an individual. L.B. paid respondent for the search.

18 K. Respondent, despite claiming he had completed the report on the search,
19 has repeatedly failed and refused to provide L.B. with the report.

20 M.M.

21 L. On or about January 14, 2000, M.M. paid respondent \$350.00 to perform a
22 surveillance on one K.H.

23 M. Despite repeated requests by M.M. for the contracted for information and
24 services, respondent failed and refused to provide them. Respondent further falsely claimed he
25 had visited K.H.'s residence some eight times and falsely promised to provide an accounting of
26 time, an accounting which respondent never provided.

27 N. In connection with the investigation of M.M.'s complaint by the Bureau
28 respondent also provided information which he knew was false, including that:

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- 1. M.M. did not want a written report;
- 2. M.M. knew every attempt to conduct surveillance would involve a minimum of 4 hours;
- 3. Respondent responded to virtually all of M.M.'s calls, when, in fact and as respondent well knew, he responded to none and only spoke with M.M. once prior to M.M.'s filing a complaint with the Bureau;
- 4. Respondent made multiple surveillances of K.H., including multiple "free" surveillances after the \$350.00 M.M. paid him was exhausted.

H.E.

O. On or about April 12, 2000, H.E. responded to an offer in respondent's column in the Spring 2000 issue of PI Magazine to provide various materials for \$20.00. H.E. sent respondent a check for \$20.00, which was deposited.

P. Despite repeated requests to respondent, respondent failed and refused to provide said materials or a refund.

Q. In or about early July 2000, H.E. reached respondent's office by telephone and was offered a refund. H.E. said she still preferred to receive the materials for which she had paid and was promised the materials would be sent, but they were not.

R. On or about July 31, 2000, H.E., in writing, demanded a refund of her \$20.00, but neither the materials nor the refund were received.

W.M.

S. On or about April 19, 2000, W.M. paid respondent \$95.00 for study materials for the Bureau's private investigator examination.

T. Despite repeated requests for the materials or a refund, respondent has failed to provide either.

U. In his communications with W.M. respondent also repeatedly and fraudulently claimed he had mailed the materials when, as he well knew, the materials had not been sent.

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J.D.

V. In or about August 2000, J.D. paid respondent \$500.00 to obtain information on the current location and circumstances of a friend's son.

X. Despite repeated inquiries and requests, respondent failed and refused to provide the information.

Y. On at least one occasion respondent falsely represented to J.D. that he had provided the information orally to the son's mother, when, as respondent well knew, he had not.

G.D.

Z. In or about February 2001, G.D. retained respondent for private investigator services at a rate of \$50.00 per hour, specifically to have respondent follow an individual on February 16-18, 2001. Respondent was to photograph the individual and follow the individual to, among other things identify his residence and work addresses and his vehicle. If the individual did not leave his residence, respondent was to terminate surveillance on any given day after 4 hours. G.D. paid respondent a \$500.00 retainer.

AA. Respondent failed, despite repeated demands by G.D., to provide a report which properly and adequately described services rendered and photographs he allegedly took.

BB. Respondent failed to follow the subject on two of the three days, billed 10½ hours for surveillance on February 16th, despite the fact the subject never left his residence, said he did not surveil on the 17th because of rain, and said he merely attempted to make calls to the subject's residence on the 18th. Respondent provided no photographs.

CC. When respondent asserted the above to G.D. on February 19th, G.D. agreed to pay another \$500.00 to have the subject followed, starting February 23rd, for no more than 4 hours in a day if the subject did not leave his residence. G.D. again specified that photographs were to be taken.

DD. Respondent failed to return any of G.D.'s telephone calls between February 24th -26th, although he did send a bill, by e-mail, on or about February 26th, which claimed the 10½ hours of surveillance on February 16th, now claimed 8½ hours of surveillance on February 17th, and claimed 7½ hours of surveillance on February 23rd.

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1 EE. Respondent, in the above e-mail, said he had taken photographs and
2 promised to send them to G.D., but failed and refused to do so despite repeated demands by G.D.
3 for those photographs.

4 FF. Respondent further falsely, knowing it was false, billed for hours of
5 surveillance beyond those actually provided, including, but not limited to, billing for 8½ hours of
6 surveillance on February 17th, a day on which respondent, in fact, conducted no surveillance at
7 all.

8 General

9 GG. Respondent repeatedly offered to certify experience to qualify an
10 individual for licensure by the Bureau for a fee of as much as \$2,000.00, for persons when he had
11 no knowledge of such experience, including at least as to C.H. in 1996 and, as set out in the First
12 Amended and Supplemental Accusation, C.R.

13 HH. Respondent directly, and through his partner, associate and colleague
14 Debra Burdette, attempted to mislead the Office of Administrative Hearings and complainant's
15 counsel in or about July 1998, by falsely representing he had contacted M.P.'s husband with the
16 approval, and even (purportedly) at the recommendation or direction of Department of Consumer
17 Affairs staff, contacted the subject of M.P.'s requested surveillance-her husband.

18 II. Respondent further, in connection with the allegations set out in
19 subparagraph HH, falsely represented that in June 1998 that same employee had reaffirmed her
20 previous advice when, as respondent well knew, the employee had never made the statements or
21 given the advice attributed to her by respondent and, in fact, did not do so in June 1998 and
22 further, in June 1998, denied to respondent that she had ever done so.

23 JJ. Respondent has repeatedly threatened clients or customers, including
24 electronically, who have pursued complaints to which respondent failed to respond, especially
25 those who have complained either to the Bureau or to PI Magazine, including, but not limited to,
26 W.M. and E.O.

27 KK. Respondent's conduct as to each and every individual identified
28 hereinabove and in the First Amended and Supplemental Accusation, and all of said individuals

1 taken together, and the general conduct set out in subparagraphs GG through JJ, inclusive,
2 demonstrates and constitutes a long-term, ongoing pattern of a variety of false, fraudulent,
3 dishonest and deceitful actions and omissions, all committed with the intent to benefit himself.

4 17. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, the Bureau is
5 authorized to seek and recover its costs of investigation and enforcement of a case in the event
6 that one or more of the charges in an accusation are sustained following hearing.

7 18. The Bureau has incurred reasonable costs of investigation and
8 enforcement of this case in an amount to be established according to proof at hearing.

9 **WHEREFORE**, Complainant prays that a hearing be held on the matters alleged
10 hereinabove and, following said hearing, a decision issue:

11 1. Revoking or suspending private patrol operator license No. PPO 10093,
12 heretofore issued to respondent, dba Gold Star Protection;

13 2. Revoking or suspending private investigator license No. PI 15057,
14 heretofore issued to respondent, dba Gold Star Investigations;

15 3. Revoking or suspending baton permit No. BAT 473426, heretofore issued
16 to respondent;

17 4. Revoking or suspending firearm permit No. FQ 87293, heretofore issued
18 to respondent;

19 5. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, awarding the
20 reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement of this case to the Bureau; and

21 6. Pursuant to Government Code Section 11519(d), ordering restitution as
22 the Director may deem necessary.

23 7. Taking such other and further action as the Director may deem necessary.

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25 DATED: Dec 10 2001


26 SHERRIE MOFFET BELL

27 Deputy Chief
Bureau of Security and Investigative Services

Complainant

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7 BEFORE THE
 BUREAU OF SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES
 8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

9	In the Matter of the Accusation)	CASE NO. IA96 9688
10	Against:)	
11	JOHN GROGAN)	<u>FIRST AMENDED AND</u>
12	dba Gold Star Investigations)	<u>SUPPLEMENTAL</u>
13	P.O. Box 9065)	<u>ACCUSATION</u>
14	Canoga Park CA 91309)	
15	PI #15057)	
16	PPO #10093)	
17	BAT (baton) #473426)	
18	FQ (firearm) #87293)	
19	Respondent.)	

17 COMPLAINANT ALLEGES THAT:

- 18 1. She is Sherrie Moffet (hereinafter, "Complainant"),
 19 Program Manager of the Bureau of Security and Investigative
 20 Services (hereinafter, "the Bureau"), and makes and files this
 21 First Amended and Supplemental Accusation solely in her official
 22 capacity as such.
 23 2. On or about February 19, 1988, John Leo Grogan dba
 24 Gold Star Protection (hereinafter, "respondent") was issued
 25 private patrol operator license No. PPO 10093, which is currently
 26 in full force and effect; on or about July 8, 1989, respondent,
 27 dba Proguard, was issued private patrol operator license No. PPO

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1 10439, which expired on July 31, 1995; on or about September 3,
 2 1991, respondent, dba Gold Star Investigations, was issued
 3 private investigator license No. PI 15057, which is currently in
 4 full force and effect; on or about March 1, 1986, respondent was
 5 issued baton permit No. BAT 473426, which is currently in full
 6 force and effect; on or about May 29, 1985, respondent was issued
 7 firearm permit No. FQ 87293, which is currently in full force and
 8 effect.

9 3. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
 10 7561.1, the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs
 11 (hereinafter, "the Director") may discipline a license, including
 12 a baton permit and a firearm qualification card, for:

13 a. Making any false statement or giving any false
 14 information in connection with an application for a license or a
 15 renewal or reinstatement of a license (subsection (a));

16 b. Violating any of the provisions of the Private
 17 Investigator Act (Business and Professions Code section 7512
 18 et.seq.) (subsection (b));

19 c. Violating any rule of the director adopted pursuant
 20 to the authority in the Private Investigator Act (subsection
 21 (c));

22 d. Willfully failing or refusing to render to a client
 23 services or a report as agreed between the parties and for which
 24 compensation has been paid or tendered in accordance with the
 25 agreement of the parties (subsection (g)); or

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1 e. Committing any act which is a ground for denial of
2 an application for licensure under the Private Investigator Act
2 an application for licensure under the Private Investigator Act
3 (subsection (1)).

4 4. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
5 7539(a), a licensee or officer, director, partner, or manager of
6 a licensee may not divulge any information acquired by him or her
7 to any other person (except persons not relevant to this case),
8 except when at the direction of the employer or client for whom
9 the information was obtained or as required by law.

10 5. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
11 7561.2, any person who knowingly makes a false statement in his
12 or her application for a license or registration as a security
13 guard is guilty of a misdemeanor.

14 6. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
15 7561.4, a licensure is subject to discipline for any act in the
16 course of the licensee's business constituting dishonesty or
17 fraud.

18 7. Business and Professions Code section 480(a)(2)
19 provides that a board may deny a license regulated by the
20 Business and Professions Code on the grounds the applicant has
21 done any act involving dishonesty, fraud, or deceit with the
22 intent to substantially benefit himself or another, or
23 substantially injure another.

24 8. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
25 7538, an applicant for licensure by the Bureau is subject to
26 denial for:

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1 a. Committing any act constituting dishonesty or fraud
2 (subsection (b)):
2 (subsection (b));

3 b. Committing any act constituting grounds for denial
4 of licensure under Business and Professions Code section 480
5 (subsection (c)).

6 9. Pursuant to section 660 of title 16 of the
7 California Code of Regulations, a rule of the director adopted
8 pursuant to the Private Investigator Act, an investigator shall
9 provide an investigative report to a customer at the time and in
10 such manner as has been agreed upon.

11 10. Respondent's license as a private patrol operator
12 (PPO 10093) and private investigator (PI 15057) and his baton
13 permit (BAT 473426) and fire arm permit (FQ 87293) are subject to
14 discipline pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
15 7561.1 (a), 7561.1 (b) (for violation of Business and Professions
16 Code sections 7539(a), 7561.2, and 7561.4), 7561.1 (c) (taken in
17 conjunction with 16 C.C.R. section 660), 7561.1(g), and 7561.1
18 (l) (taken in conjunction with Business and Professions Code
19 section 480(a)(2)) and 7538(b) and (c), as follows:

20 M.P.

21 A. In or about March 1996, M.P. retained respondent to
22 perform an investigation of residential premises in Malibu,
23 California, which were jointly owned by her and her estranged or
24 ex-husband, W.P. and to provide M.P. a written report of his
25 findings, including certain specified areas and assets. M.P.
26 paid respondent \$1,000 in advance.

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1 B. The entry into the premises was to take place on
2 April 13, 1996. Respondent, despite receiving the \$1,000,
3 willfully failed and refused to make said investigation,
4 willfully failed and refused to prepare a report for M.P., and
5 willfully failed and refused to refund all or part of the \$1,000
6 received from M.P..

7 C. Respondent further, and without authorization from
8 M.P. or anyone on her behalf, contacted W.P., the estranged or
9 ex-husband, about respondent's assignment from M.P., including
10 advising W.P. of the fact respondent had been retained by M.P..
11 to conduct such an investigation of the Malibu premises.

12 D. Respondent, by the above conduct, committed fraud
13 and engaged in dishonest conduct, failed to complete a project
14 for which he was paid, failed to provide a report for which he
15 was paid, and engaged in unauthorized disclosures to the subject
16 of the investigation for which M.P. hired and paid him.

17 C.R.

18 E. On or about February 1998, respondent agreed to
19 falsely state and certify, as part of an application to the
20 Bureau by C.R. for licensure, that respondent had served as a
21 "Qualified Manager" for the performance of hours required for
22 licensure as a private investigator for \$4,000 as part of
23 respondent's "sponsorship" program, but told C.R. he would do it
24 for \$2,000 because he "liked" C.R.. This was part of a program
25 promoted by respondent.

26 F. At a subsequent meeting, after C.R. paid respondent
27 \$700, respondent told C.R. that his work experience was, in fact,

1 probably insufficient but that he, respondent, would falsely
2 certify that C.R. had worked with him for one year. C.R. decided
3 not to complete the application under respondent's "sponsorship".

4 G. Respondent did the above for the purpose of
5 benefitting himself and, by allowing C.R. to produce false
6 evidence of his qualifications for licensure as a private
7 investigator, for the purpose of benefitting C.R..

8 H. The conduct set out hereinabove at subparagraphs E-
9 G, inclusive, constituted fraud and dishonest conduct and was
10 deceitful.

11 R.C.

12 I. On or about June 18, 1997, respondent agreed with
13 R.C. to investigate a pool contractor who failed to show up for a
14 job after being paid \$29,000 "up front" and accepted \$200,
15 through his associate, Debra Burdette, for that purpose.

16 J. Despite the repeated requests of his client, R.C.,
17 respondent failed and refused either to produce and provide the
18 report or to return the client's payment.

19 K. Respondent's conduct as set out hereinabove was
20 dishonest, fraudulent, and deceitful and committed for his own
21 benefit.

22 W.K.

23 L. At least in or about 1997 and 1998, respondent
24 owned and operated the National Investigation Academy, offering
25 training and certification for investigators.

26 M. On or about August 20, 1997, W.K., who resides in
27 Georgia, based on an advertisement by the Academy, applied to

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1 take the Certified Master Investigator" course offered by the
 2 academy; respondent offered W.K. a discounted price of \$149 (the
 3 regular price was listed as \$175), and W.K. submitted and
 4 respondent received and accepted \$149 from W.K. for said training
 5 and certification.

6 N. Respondent never provided materials for the program
 7 to W.K. and never returned or refunded the \$149 or made any other
 8 restitution or arrangements, despite the repeated requests and
 9 demands by W.K. for information and, ultimately, for a refund.

10 O. Respondent's conduct as to W.K. was false,
 11 fraudulent, dishonest, and deceitful, with the intent of
 12 benefitting himself.

13 General

14 L. Respondent's conduct as to M.P., C.R., R.C., and
 15 W.K., and each and all of them, demonstrates a pattern of false,
 16 fraudulent, dishonest, and deceitful conduct, committed with the
 17 intent to benefit himself.

18 11. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section
 19 125.3, the Bureau is authorized to seek and recover its costs of
 20 investigation and enforcement of a case in the event that one or
 21 more of the charges in an accusation are sustained following
 22 hearing.

23 12. The Bureau has incurred reasonable costs of
 24 investigation and enforcement of this case in an amount to be
 25 established according to proof at hearing.

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WHEREFORE, Complainant prays that a hearing be held on the matters alleged hereinabove and, following said hearing, a decision issue:

1. Revoking or suspending private patrol operator license No. PPO 10093, heretofore issued to respondent, dba Gold Star Protection;
2. Revoking or suspending private investigator license No. PI 15057, heretofore issued to respondent, dba Gold Star Investigations;
3. Revoking or suspending baton permit No. BAT 473426, heretofore issued to respondent;
4. Revoking or suspending firearm permit No. FQ 87293, heretofore issued to respondent;
5. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, awarding the reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement of this case to the Bureau; and
6. Taking such other and further action as the Director may deem necessary.

DATED: Oct. 2, 1998

Sherrie Moffet
(by ~~Sherrie Moffet~~)

 SHERRIE MOFFET
 Program Manager
 Bureau of Security and
 Investigative Services
 Complainant

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BEFORE THE DIRECTOR
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BUREAU OF SECURITY AND INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation)
Against:)
) No. IA96 9688
JOHN GROGAN)
dba Gold Star Investigations) OAH No. L-1998050163
P.O. Box 9065)
Canoga Park, CA 91309,)
)
Respondent.)

DECISION

The attached Proposed Decision of the Administrative Law Judge is hereby adopted by the Director, Department of Consumer Affairs as his Decision in the above-entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective October 21, 2002
IT IS SO ORDERED September 16, 2002.

By Denise Brown
DENISE BROWN
Chief Deputy Director
Department of Consumer Affairs

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DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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PROPOSED DECISION

This case was tried before Paul M. Hogan, Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, at Los Angeles, California, on May 24, 2002.

Glynda B. Gomez, Deputy Attorney General, represented complainant. John Grogan, respondent, appeared personally without legal counsel, and participated throughout the trial.

The parties presented oral and documentary evidence. Submission of the matter for decision was deferred until June 3, 2002 to permit respondent to offer proof of timely service by mail of a written demand for cross-examination of certain witnesses' testimony which complainant wished to present solely by way of declaration pursuant to Government Code Section 11514. Such proof was made, the parties were allowed ten days in which to object, move to strike, or argue, and the issue of the declarations was submitted for decision. The court finds the demand to have been timely made in accordance with law, and therefore sustains respondent's objection to receipt in evidence of the declarations offered, Exhibit 5 for identification. The general issue was submitted on June 3, 2002.

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Findings of Fact

1. Sherrie Moffet, complainant, is the Program Manager of the above-entitled Bureau, and caused the accusatory pleadings in this matter to be filed and served while acting solely in her official capacity.

2. The Bureau has issued the following licenses to respondent, which are now in full force and effect:

<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Date issued</u>
Private patrol operator	PPO 10093	2/19/88
Private investigator	PI 15057	9/3/91
Baton permit	BAT 473426	3/1/86
Firearm permit	FQ87293	5/29/85

3. The parties have timely filed and served on one another all pleadings, notices and other papers as required by law.

4. During the periods of time specified below, respondent acted, and/or omitted to act, in such a way as to subject his Bureau-issued licenses to discipline as more fully described in the Conclusions of Law hereinafter following.

5. In or about December 1997, respondent agreed to serve as a qualifying manager for C.M. in connection with C.M.'s application for licensure by the Bureau, and accepted \$3,000.00 from C.M. for this service. Respondent failed to be available to C.M. in connection with his application and C.M.'s questions thereon, and misled C.M. as to the nature of the charges pending against respondent in this case, and as to the likelihood of early and favorable resolution of such charges.

6. When C.M. thereafter had to obtain a new qualifying manager, respondent repeatedly failed and refused to refund any part of the \$3,000.00 fee he had taken.

7. Respondent fraudulently and dishonestly insisted he was entitled to retain all of the \$3,000.00.

8. In or about February 1998, respondent entered into a similar arrangement with one C.R. wherein, for a \$4,000.00 cash payment, respondent agreed to falsely state and certify, as part of an application to the Bureau by C.R. for licensure, that respondent had served as a

"Qualified Manager" for the performance of hours required for licensure as a private investigator as part of respondent's "sponsorship program", but told C.R. he would do all this for only \$2,000.00 because he "liked" C.R.

9. At a subsequent meeting, after C.R. paid respondent \$700., respondent told C.R. that his work experience was, in fact, probably insufficient but that he, respondent, would falsely certify that C.R. had worked with him for one year. C.R. decided not to complete the application under respondent's "sponsorship."

10. Respondent did the above for the purpose of benefiting himself and, by allowing C.R. to produce false evidence of his qualifications for licensure as a private investigator, for the purpose of benefiting C.R.

11. The conduct set out hereinabove constituted fraud and dishonest conduct and was deceitful.

12. The Bureau has incurred reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of this matter in the aggregate sum of \$21,810.00.

13. Respondent testified as to his opinions regarding "sponsorship" and argued his cause. His testimony was overbroad and vague, and failed to indicate just what legal authority permitted the kind of "earn while you learn" program envisioned by him. In sum, respondent's testimony neither explained his position nor mitigated his conduct.

14. All evidence and argument tendered by respondent in his defense has been considered.

15. All allegations contained in the accusatory pleadings upon which no specific findings have been made hereinabove have not been proved by competent, relevant evidence.

Conclusions of Law

By reason of the foregoing findings of fact, respondent's licenses and permits are subject to discipline pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 490, 7561.1(a), 7561.1(b) (for violation of Business and Professions Code sections 7539(a), 7561.2 and 7561.4), 7561.1(c)(taken in conjunction with Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section 660) 7561.1(g), and 7561.1(l)(taken in conjunction with Business and Professions Code Code sections 480(a)(2), 7538(b) and (c).

The Bureau is entitled to recover its reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution in the sum of \$21,810.00 pursuant to section 125.3 of the Business and Professions Code.

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Order

All licenses and permits heretofore issued to respondent by the Bureau, together with incidental licensing rights, and specifically described in Finding 2 above are hereby revoked.

Respondent is hereby ordered to pay the Bureau its costs of investigation and prosecution in the sum of \$21,810.00 on or before the thirtieth day following the effective date of this decision.

No application by respondent for reinstatement of the said licenses and permits, or for issuance of an initial license shall be granted absent proof of payment of the Bureau's said costs as a condition precedent to the filing of such application or applications.

June 19, 2002


Paul M. Hogan
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings



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CERTIFICATION OF LICENSURE

This is to certify that I, George H. Paddeck, am a Staff Services Manager I of the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services, Department of Consumer Affairs, and am the Official Custodian of Licensing Records of this Bureau. In such capacity, I am responsible for their maintenance and certification. A diligent search was made under my direction and any failure to find a record should be regarded in respect to Evidence Code Section 1284.

Said records reveal that on or about September 3, 1991, **Private Investigators**, license number **PI 15057**, was issued to **John Leo Grogan, Qualified Manager/Owner of Gold Star Investigations**. Said registration was in full force until it was revoked on October 21, 2002. The address of record for Gold Star Investigations is **PO Box 9065, Canoga Park, CA 91309**.

Said records reveal that on or about February 19, 1988, **Private Patrol Operator**, license number **PPO 10093**, was issued to Gold Star Protection. **John Leo Grogan was the Qualified Manager/Owner**. Said registration was in full force until it expired on February 29, 2000. The address of record for Gold Star Protection is **PO Box 9065, Canoga Park, CA 91309**.

Said records reveal that on or about May 29, 1985, Firearm Permit, license number FQ 87293, was issued to **John Leo Grogan**. Said registration was in full force until it was revoked on October 21, 2002. The address of record for Gold Star Investigations is **PO Box 9065, Canoga Park, CA 91309**.

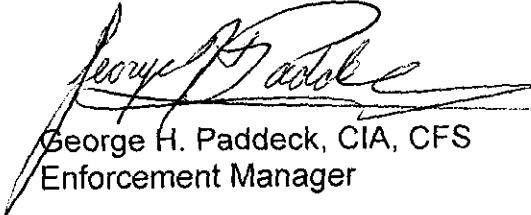
Said records reveal that on or about March, 1986, Baton Permit, license number BAT 473426, was issued to **John Leo Grogan**. Said registration was in full force until it was revoked on October 21, 2002. The address of record for Gold Star Investigations is **PO Box 9065, Canoga Park, CA 91309**.

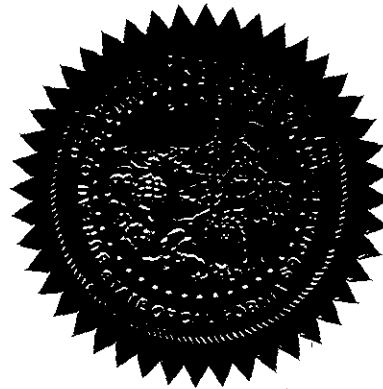
I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. Given

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under my hand and the seal of the Department of Consumer Affairs, Bureau of Security and Investigative Services at Sacramento, California, this 21st day of July 2008.


George H. Paddeck, CIA, CFS
Enforcement Manager



Section 162 of the Business and Professions Code: The certificate of the officer in charge of the records of any board in the department that any person was or was not on a specified date, or during a specified period of time, licensed, certified or registered under the provisions of law administered by the Board, or that the license, certificate or registration of any person was revoked or under suspension, shall be admitted in any court as prima facie evidence of the facts therein recited.

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