

**BEFORE THE ALABAMA STATE BOARD  
OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
CHADMON WRIGHT,  
RESPONDENT.**

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**CASE NO. 14-3952B-06**

**RECOMMENDATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

**ADMINISTRATIVE BACKGROUND**

This matter came before the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners (hereinafter the "Board") by a summons and complaint dated April 8, 2014, issued to Mr. Chadmon Wright (hereinafter Mr. Wright) concerning his license to practice as a licensed social worker, pursuant to § 34-30-5, Code of Ala. 1975, and the Alabama Administrative Procedures Act. Said summons and complaint was mailed to Mr. Wright's most recent address with the Board, which is 2215 Deerman Street, Guntersville, AL 35976. A hearing was held was on May 16, 2014. The Board was present at the hearing and represented by Attorney Bill Garrett. Mr. Wright failed to appear. At all times relevant to the administrative complaint, Mr. Wright was a licensed social worker with the Board.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The legal charge is based upon the Board's Administrative Code and Code of Ethics, and was clearly listed in the formal administrative complaint dated April 8, 2014. This complaint related to Mr. Wright's committed acts in violation of the Code of Ethics and/or the Administrative Code provisions governing the practice of social work in the State of Alabama as follows:

1. While licensed by the Board to practice social work, Mr. Wright, has committed crimes against minors.
2. On April 7, 2014, Mr. Wright pled guilty to the following courts: CC-14-80 – three counts of Possession of Child Pornography; CC-14-408 – Sexual Abuse of a Child under 12; CC-14-409 – Sexual Abuse 1<sup>st</sup> degree; CC-14-411 – Sodomy 1<sup>st</sup> degree; and CC-14-412 – Sexual Abuse 1<sup>st</sup> degree.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board has the authority to discipline its licensees pursuant to § 34-30-4, Code of Ala 1975. More particularly the Board may revoke any license upon proof that the person has engaged in unprofessional conduct. Sections 34-30-4(a)(1) and (6) provide as follows:

(a) The State Board of Social Work Examiners, after a hearing, may refuse to renew, may suspend or *may* revoke any license issued under this chapter upon proof that the person has engaged in unprofessional conduct within the last five years, including, but not limited to:

(1) Conviction of a felony;

(6) Being found guilty *of* unprofessional conduct by the rules established by the Board of Social Work Examiners.

See §§ 34-30-4(a)(1) and (6), Code of Ala 1975.

The Board presented uncontested evidence regarding Mr. Wright being convicted of a felony. Board's Exhibits 1-5. Mr. Wright committed the aforementioned crimes in Colbert County while being a licensed social worker.

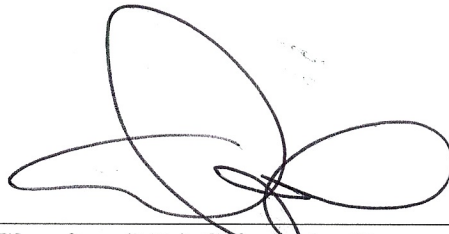
The Board's Administrative Code sets out several sections concerning criminal activity and unprofessional conduct. Further, § 850-X-9-.01 sets out the standards of professional conduct and ethics for social workers. More specifically, § 850-X-9-.01 (1)(a)2 sets out that

[t]he social worker shall not participate in, condone, or be associated with dishonesty, fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, or criminal activity. See Alabama Board of Social Work Examiners Administrative Code, §§ 850-X-9-.01(1)(a)2. Based on the uncontroverted testimony, Mr. Wright has engaged in numerous criminal activities.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The uncontested evidence presented against Mr. Wright constitutes a violation of §§ 34-30-4(a)(1) and (6), Code of Ala. 1975. Based on the facts and law as presented above, I hereby find that the revocation of Mr. Wright's license to engage in the practice of social work in the State of Alabama is justified.

Done this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.

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Cleophus (J.R.) Gaines, Jr., Esq.  
Administrative Law Judge