

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD

IN RE:

EC 24-192

KFIR COHEN (License # 2173),
Licensee.

CONSENT ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

THIS CAUSE, is before the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board ("Board") in Ethics Complaint 24-192, and with Licensee Mr. Kfir Cohen (License # 2173) ("Licensee") for consideration of an entry of a Consent Order in lieu of an appeal or further adjudication of a judicial order affirming the Board's Amended Final Order of Consent Order Violation [defined herein]. The Board and Licensee are collectively referred to as the "Parties."

The Parties stipulate and agree to the findings of fact and conclusions of law recited in this Consent Order of Discipline ("Consent Order"). The Parties consent to the discipline imposed by this Consent Order. Licensee enters this Consent Order knowingly, freely, and voluntarily, and with the assistance of counsel of Licensee's choosing. Licensee does not challenge in any way the sufficiency of the Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law.

With Licensee's consent, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted to it in Chapter 74F of the General Statutes of North Carolina, 21 NCAC 29 *et seq.*, and the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board.

2. Licensee applied for and obtained License # 2173 on June 11, 2018, which has been renewed periodically, and which is set to expire on June 11, 2027.

3. Licensee is, and was at all times referred to herein, a licensed locksmith licensed to perform and offer locksmith services, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-4(5), in North Carolina.

4. On November 13, 2024, the Board and Licensee entered into a Consent Order of Discipline in EC 24-192 ("Consent Order") to stay several active disciplinary investigations the Board was conducting of Licensee.

5. The Board provided Licensee with a February 5, 2025 Notice of Consent Order Violation.

6. Licensee objected to the February 5, 2025 Notice of Consent Order Violation, and the Board held an evidentiary hearing on the alleged violation on May 14, 2025 ("Evidentiary Hearing").

7. On June 20, 2025, the Board issued a Final Order of Consent Order Violation ("First Order").

8. Licensee appealed the First Order in Wake County Superior Court File No. 25CV024888-910.

9. On October 27, 2025, the trial court, with The Honorable Douglas Green presiding, vacated and remanded the First Order (hereinafter "Judge Green Order") and directed the Board to make additional findings.

10. Following the Judge Green Order, the Board made numerous additional findings.

11. On February 4, 2026, the Board issued an Amended Final Order of Consent Order Violation that included the aforementioned additional findings ("Second Order").

12. Licensee appealed the Second Order and filed his Petition for Judicial Review, Motion to Stay Final Agency Decision, and Motion to Consolidate in Wake County Superior Court File No. 26CV005134-910.

13. On June 18, 2026, the trial court, with The Honorable Sean A.B. Cole presiding, denied Licensee's Motion to Consolidate, Licensee's Petition for Judicial Review and Licensee's Motion to Stay Final Agency Decision, and affirmed the Board's Amended Final Order of Consent Order Violation.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Licensee is subject to Chapter 74F of the General Statutes of North Carolina, Title 21, Chapter 29 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.

2. Licensee is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board.

3. The Board is authorized under Article 3A, Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes to hear this matter.

4. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-15(a), the Board may *inter alia* suspend or revoke a license if the Licensee has demonstrated gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in performing locksmith services, or has willfully violated any provision of Chapter 74F of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

5. Pursuant to 21 NCAC 29 .0501, Licensee shall comply with the provisions of Title 21, Chapter 29 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, and failure to do so may result in disciplinary action by the Board.

6. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-15(b), the Board may assess the costs of a disciplinary action, including attorneys' fees, against Licensee if Licensee is found to be in violation of Chapter 74F of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

7. Licensee violated Chapter 74F of the General Statutes of North Carolina, Title 21, Chapter 29 of the North Carolina Administrative Code, and the rules and regulations of the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board.

BASED upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and in lieu of further proceedings, Licensee wishes to resolve this matter by consent and agrees that Board staff and counsel may discuss this Consent Order with the Board *ex parte* whether or not the Board accepts this Consent Order as written;

WHEREAS Licensee acknowledges that he has read this entire document, with the benefit of counsel, and understands the document;

WHEREAS Licensee acknowledges that he enters into this Consent Order knowingly, freely, and voluntarily;

WHEREAS Licensee acknowledges that he has had full and adequate opportunity to confer with legal counsel in connection with this matter;

WHEREAS Licensee understands that this Consent Order must be presented to the Board for approval and that the Board hereby waives any argument that any Board members considering this Consent Order are disqualified from participating in a hearing of this matter; and

WHEREAS the Board has determined that the public interest is served by resolving this matter as set forth below.

THEREFORE, with the consent of Licensee, it is ORDERED that:

1. Licensee shall, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-15(b), tender payment of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) to the Board to be paid as follows:

- a. Licensee shall pay Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) to the Board on or before August 15, 2026;
- b. Licensee shall pay to the Board the remaining Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) in monthly installments each of One Thousand Six Hundred Sixty-Six and 67/100 Dollars (\$1,666.67) beginning on September 15, 2026, and each subsequent payment due on the fifteenth of every month, until paid in full;
- c. If the fifteenth of the any month falls on a weekend, Court holiday, or federal holiday, the due date shall be the next immediate business day;
- d. There is no penalty for pre-payment; if any payment is untimely, or under \$1,666.67 (notwithstanding the final payment on or before June 15, 2027 to pay the remaining

balance that is less than \$1,666.67), it shall be deemed a material breach of this Consent Order;

- e. All payments shall be made from Licensee to the Board by only Certified Check or Business Check and sent by Priority Mail or FedEx to the Board such that the Certified Check or Business Check is received by the Board on or before the payment due date.

2. Licensee waives all claims, appeals, and further proceedings arising out of or related to this matter.

3. Upon payment of the Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) referenced above in Item 1a and waiver of all claims in Item 2, Licensee shall have his license (License # 2173), which is currently suspended because no notice of appeal has been filed, returned to active status, and Licensee shall follow all rules, regulations, and requirements therein, that any licensee must follow.

4. On the Board's website, under the Board Orders section, the Board will make the following change:

- a. current language "Cohen, Kfir - 18 Month Suspension, (2/4/2026) *(stayed pending appeal);
- b. to new language "Cohen, Kfir - 18 Month Suspension, (2/4/2026) (resolved by mutual agreement)."

5. The Board will maintain EC 24-192 Order on its website as a matter of public record, as it does with all other published orders.

6. Licensee shall not supervise, endorse, manage, or work with any apprentices in any manner earlier than June 11, 2027.

7. Licensee shall receive credit for time served for the suspension issued by the Board in this matter.

8. Licensee shall incur no new complaints or violations with the Board from present to June 11, 2027. For avoidance of doubt, this does not include complaints or violations that the Board finds to be meritless after review. This does include complaints or violations that the Board finds to be meritorious after review, including but not limited to work that Licensee or Licensee's employee(s), as "employee" is defined in 21 NCAC 29 .0501(b), directly or indirectly performs work.

9. Licensee shall follow all Board statutes and regulations, including but not limited to Chapter 74F of the North Carolina General Statutes and 21 NCAC Chapter 29.

10. If Licensee has any doubt or any question regarding any action that might give rise to a complaint or violation, Licensee is encouraged to proactively contact the Board for guidance before the action is undertaken.

11. If Licensee incurs any new complaints or violations, as defined in Item 8 above, with the Board on or before June 11, 2027, Licensee agrees and admits in the form of a confession of judgment, that he has breached the material terms of this Consent Order, breached the Board's rules and regulations, and shall have his license immediately suspended from the date the Board receives the new complaint or violation, until June 11, 2027; in doing so, Licensee now freely, knowingly, and voluntarily waives any right to appeal, contest, confront, challenge, or set aside any such new complaint or violation; for the sake of clarity, any new complaint or violation is defined as any new complaint or violation, as defined in Item 8 above, the Board receives regarding Licensee, and such complaint or violation is not listed in Paragraph 17 of the November 13, 2024, Consent Order in EC 24-192 (i.e. the "Stayed Cases" defined therein as EC 24-197, EC 24-208, EC 24-204, and one matter dated on or about August 22 and 28, 2024 involving the unlicensed practice of locksmithing by Mitchell Gelb).

12. This Consent Order, and all conditions herein terminate at 5PM, EST, on the later of June 11, 2027 or when the Fifteen Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$15,000.00) remaining balance referenced above in Item 1b has been paid in full.

13. No modification or waiver of any provision of this Consent Order shall have any effect unless made in writing, adopted and approved by the Board, and signed by the Board and Licensee.

14. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by the Board and Licensee.

15. This Consent Order reflects the entire agreement on this matter between the Board and Licensee.

16. The Board and Licensee participated in the drafting of this Consent Order. Any ambiguities herein shall not be construed against either party in any future civil or administrative proceeding.

17. Upon execution by the Board and Licensee, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof.

[SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGES]

STATEMENT OF CONSENT

The undersigned does hereby certify that he has read the foregoing Consent Order in its entirety and that he knowingly, freely, and voluntarily admits that there is a factual basis for the Findings of Fact set forth therein, that the Findings of Fact support the Conclusions of Law, that he will not contest the Findings of Fact should further disciplinary action be warranted in this matter, and that Licensee assents to the terms and conditions set forth therein.

The undersigned directs his counsel to accept service of the fully executed Consent Order via first-class mail addressed as follows:

Mr. Ryan H. Smith
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5711 Six Forks Road, Suite 101
Raleigh, NC 27609
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This the 28th day of July, 2026.



Kfir Cohen, Licensee, License # 2173

Date: 7/28/26

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF Wake

Sworn to and subscribed before me this
the 28th day of July, 2026.

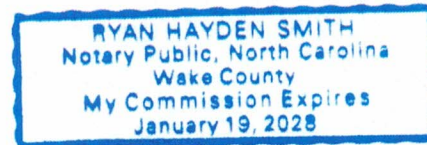


Notary Public



Typed or Printed Name

My Commission Expires: 01-19-28



Approved by the Board this the 30th day of July 2026.

NORTH CAROLINA LOCKSMITH
LICENSING BOARD

By:


Josh Deffrie, Board Chair