

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA
LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD
CASE NO. EC-25-241

In the matter of:

YISRAEL ELIEZER GARCIA,
(L. 2906)

Respondent.

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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND FINAL AGENCY DECISION
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In accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(d), the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board (the “Board”) issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Agency Decision in this matter.

The record reflects that a quorum of the Board was present at the hearing held on June 4, 2025, and at the time the Board made this decision on June 4, 2025. At the hearing, Ryan C. Mitiguy and Catherine E. Lee, General Counsel, appeared for Board staff. Respondent did not appear.

Before the hearing, the following inquiry was read aloud in accordance with state ethics laws: “[d]oes any board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to this matter coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue or inappropriate participation in the particular matter involved.” No Board members stated that they had a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

PETITIONER’S LIST OF EXHIBITS

1. 04/09/2025 Notice of Hearing
2. 05/27/2025 Affidavit of Service
3. 04/03/2025 Cased-Closed Investigations Confidential Investigation Summary
4. 05/27/2025 License Verification
5. 03/18/2025 Video Footage of Cased-Closed Investigations Encounter with Unidentified Male

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On September 20, 2024, Yisrael Eliezer Garcia (“Respondent Licensee”) was issued a locksmith license, license number 2906, which is currently valid.
2. At hearing, Travis Everhart of Case-Closed Investigations (“Everhart”), testified credibly in reference to his investigation in The Mobile Locksmith, the unlicensed practice of locksmithing, and how he became aware of Respondent Licensee.

3. Everhart testified credibly that on or about March 18, 2025, he called the telephone number advertised for The Mobile Locksmith and requested that a locksmith be dispatched to bypass the locking mechanism of a locked vehicle located at Rose's on Park Street in Belmont, North Carolina.
4. Everhart testified credibly that a short time after placing the call, he received a call from an unidentified male, who stated that he would arrive in 25 minutes to provide locksmith services.
5. Everhart testified credibly that an unidentified male arrived to his location in a black Lexus RX350 registered to Respondent Licensee. Upon arrival, the unidentified male began looking into the locked vehicle.
6. Everhart testified credibly that he asked the unidentified male if he had a North Carolina locksmith license, the unidentified male answer "yes," and showed Everhart a picture on his phone of the North Carolina locksmith license belonging to Respondent Licensee. Everhart testified credibly that the unidentified male was a different person than that shown on the locksmith license belonging to Respondent Licensee.
7. Everhart testified credibly that the unidentified male then placed a phone call to an unknown party; that Everhart inquired who the unidentified male was calling; and that the unidentified male pointed to his phone, which displayed the name of Respondent Licensee.
8. Everhart testified credibly that after the unidentified male spoke briefly on the phone to Respondent Licensee, the unidentified male entered his vehicle and left the parking lot.
9. Everhart testified credibly that he obtained and produced to the Board video footage of his encounter with the unidentified male. At hearing, the Board reviewed the video footage, which contained the audio of the phone conversation between the unidentified mail and the Respondent Licensee. In the audio, Respondent Licensee—while speaking in Hebrew—is recorded as chastising the unidentified male for sharing Respondent Licensee's identity to Everhart.
10. At hearing, Barden Culbreth ("Culbreth"), Administrative Director of the Board, testified credibly in reference to Board records, locksmith regulations, and the responsibilities of licensees.
11. Culbreth testified credibly that he reviewed the credential file maintained by the Board for Respondent Licensee and that Respondent Licensee does not have any apprentices registered with the Board.
12. Culbreth testified credibly that the Board issued a Notice of Hearing on April 9, 2025, and that Respondent Licensee was in fact served with the Notice of Hearing on April 11, 2025.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent Licensee is subject to Chapter 74F of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 29 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.
2. Respondent Licensee is subject to jurisdiction before the Board.
3. The Board is authorized under Article 3A, Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes to hear this matter.
4. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-3 provides that a licensee shall not perform or offer to perform locksmith services without a license.
5. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-13 provides that a licensee shall provide the Board with the names of each person employed by licensee who either performs locksmith services or has access to locksmith tools.
6. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-15(a)(4) provides that a licensee shall not willfully violate any provision of the Locksmith Licensing Act, Chapter 74F of the North Carolina General Statutes.
7. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-15(b) provides that the Board may assess the costs of the disciplinary action, including attorneys' fees, against Respondent Licensee if found to be in violation of Chapter 74F or rules adopted by the Board.
8. Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Respondent Licensee committed one or more of the violations described above.

FINAL AGENCY DECISION

The North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board hereby issues the following decision:

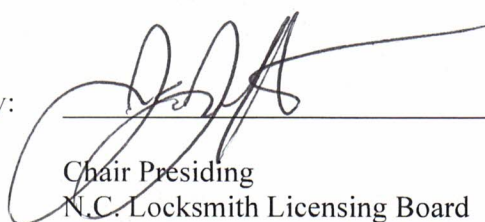
1. Respondent Licensee's locksmith license, license no. 2906, is revoked upon the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Respondent Licensee's locksmith license shall remain revoked until such time that Respondent Licensee appears before the Board's Ethics Committee and provides, to the satisfaction and sole discretion of the Board's Ethics Committee, sufficient information to address the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth herein.
 - b. The Board's Ethics Committee has the authority to stay the revocation of Respondent Licensee's locksmith license in its sole discretion; provided that Respondent Licensee has remitted to the Board the costs of this disciplinary action,

including attorney's fees, as ordered by the Board contemporaneously with this Final Agency Decision.

- c. Within fifteen (15) days following the effective date of this Final Agency Decision, Respondent Licensee shall contact Board staff in writing to make arrangements to pay the costs of this disciplinary action and to schedule a time to meet with the Board's Ethics Committee, which shall occur after Respondent Licensee's payment in full of said costs. If Respondent Licensee fails to comply with this provision, the revocation of licensure shall not be stayed.
2. This Final Agency Decision shall take effect upon service of Respondent Licensee in a manner consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-42(a).
3. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-45(a)(2), Respondent has thirty (30) days from the date that he receives this Final Agency Decision to file a Petition for Judicial Review. The Petition for Judicial Review must be filed in the Superior Court of the county where the person aggrieved by the administrative decision resides, or in the case of a person residing outside the State, in the county where the contested case which resulted in the final decision was filed. Since this is an administrative appeal, no additional evidence will be taken. If a Petition is filed, a Superior Court Judge will review the Final Agency Decision to determine whether there were any legal errors in the Final Agency Decision.

By order of the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board, this, the 12th day of JUNE, 2025.

By: _____


Chair Presiding
N.C. Locksmith Licensing Board

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Agency Decision was served upon the Respondent by email and US Mail, postage prepaid, First Class, and addressed as follows:

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Matthews, NC 28105

Email: yisrael777garcia@gmail.com

This, the 12th day of June, 2025.



Ryan C. Mitiguy
General Counsel