

**BEFORE THE ARKANSAS BOARD OF LICENSURE FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS**

Case #2009-18, in the matter of Randy Ritchey:

COMPLAINT

The Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors (hereinafter "the Board") registered a complaint on June 3, 2009, charging Randy L. Ritchey (AR-PE #10875, hereinafter "Ritchey") with making false statements and passing a hot check, in violation of Arkansas Code Annotated §17-30-305(a)(11).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Ritchey is a Professional Engineer and principle in two business entities. Steadfast Inc is the umbrella for his engineering work. Ritchey also has a construction company, called Steadfast, LLC, and all of the dealings with the Complainant were in representation of the construction company. Ritchey did no engineering work on the project.

2. The Complainant wanted some work done on a house in Prairie Grove, and he engaged Steadfast, LLC to do the work, writing a \$6,000 check for project materials. Ritchey agreed to start demolition on the project on May 13, 2009, and directed employees to do so.

3. The workers apparently did not start as directed, however, and they did not communicate their failure to Ritchey. When the Complainant later discussed the matter with Ritchey, Ritchey told him that the demolition had started, and it had not. The Complainant cancelled the contract and demanded a refund of his advance payment for materials. Ritchey wrote a check to the Complainant and it was returned because of insufficient funds.

4. Upon investigation it was determined that Ritchey's bank had placed a hold on the Complainant's check, apparently due to insufficient funds. For that reason, Ritchey's refund check to the Complainant also was returned.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Upon review of the evidence in its possession, the Board finds Ritchey's actions as described in the Findings of Fact do not constitute a violation of the statutes or rules governing the Arkansas Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Professional Surveyors.

ORDER

Based on these findings, the complaint against Ritchey is dismissed without further action by the Board.

SO ORDERED this 15th day of September, 2009



Frank Vozel, President

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Steve W. Haralson, Executive Director of the Arkansas State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, do hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing order by mailing a copy of the same by first class mail on this 30th day of September, 2009, to:

Mr. Randy L. Ritchey, PE 10875
Steadfast, Inc
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Steve W. Haralson
Executive Director