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ORDER SUMMARY – Case Number: C-07-225

Name(s):	Vicente Albert	to Ramos		
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Order Number:	C-07-225-08-CO01			
Effective Date :	May 29, 2008			
License Number: Or NMLS Identifier [U/L] License Effect:	(Revoked, suspended, stayed, application denied or withdrawn) If applicable, you must specifically note the ending dates of terms. Denial			
Not Apply Until:				
Not Eligible Until:	January 31, 20	10		
Prohibition/Ban Until:	January 31, 20	10		
Investigation Costs	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Fine	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date
Assessment(s)	\$	Due	Paid N	Date
Restitution	\$	Due	Paid N N	Date
Judgment	\$	Due	Paid Y N	Date
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	No. of Victims:			
Comments:				

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Attorney for Vicente A. Ramos

THIS ORDER ENTERED THIS <u>far</u> day of <u>May</u>, 2008.

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

SCOTT JARVIS

Director

AGREED ORDER

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS Division of Consumer Services 150 Israel Rd SW PO Box 41200 Olympia, WA 98504-1200 (360) 902-8795



State of Washington

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

IN THE MATTER OF:

OAH Docket No. 20007-DFI-0041

VICENTE ALBERTO RAMOS,

DFI No. C-07-225-07-SC01

Respondent.

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

THIS MATTER having come before SCOTT JARVIS, Director of the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (hereinafter, "Department"), sitting as Presiding Officer, on the Department's Petition for Review (hereinafter, "Department's Petition") and Respondent's Petition for Review (hereinafter, "Respondent's Petition") from the Initial Decision & Order dated November 8, 2007 (hereinafter, "Initial Order") of Administrative Law Judge Rebekah R. Ross of the Office of Administrative Hearings (hereinafter, "ALJ"); and the Presiding Officer having fully considered the entire record on review, including, without limitation, all pleadings, testimony and recorded oral and written argument before the ALJ, together with the Initial Order, the Department's Petition, the Respondent's Petition and the Department's Reply to Respondent's Petition (hereinafter, "Department's Reply");

NOW, THEREFORE, the Presiding Officer issues the following Final Decision and Order:

1.0 CONSIDERATION

- 1.1 The Presiding Officer has reviewed the record on review, including the Initial Order, Department's Petition, Respondent's Petition, and Department's Reply, and finds that there is good and sufficient cause to enter a Final Decision and Order modifying the Initial Order as set forth below but confirming it in all other respects.
- 1.2 The Presiding Officer agrees with and concurs in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law made in the Initial Order, with the *exception* of the following:
 - 1.2.1 Footnote 1 to Finding of Fact No. 3.8 therein is stricken in its entirety.
 - 1.2.2 Conclusion of Law No. 4.1 therein is modified to read, as follows:

"The Office of Administrative Hearings has jurisdiction based on Chapter 19.146 Revised Code of Washington (RCW); Chapter 34.05 RCW and Title 208-08 Washington Administrative Code (WAC)."

1.2.3 Conclusion of Law No. 4.8 is modified to read, as follows:

"The next issue is how long the period of prohibition should last. The Department's witness testified that the normal period for conduct of this type is seven years. I have found no mitigation factors. RCW 19.146.220(5) is silent as to the length of time that any person should be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker. RCW 19.146.223 states:

The director shall have the power and broad administrative discretion to administer and interpret the provisions of this chapter to fulfill the intent of the legislature as expressed in RCW 19.146.005.

Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5) and RCW 19.146.223, the Department has properly exercised its discretion in prohibiting Mr. Ramos's participation in the conduct of the affairs of any licensed mortgage broker through January 31, 2014."

- 1.2.4 Conclusions of Law No. 4.9, 4.10. 4.11, and 4.12, inclusive, are stricken in their entirety.
- 1.3 The Presiding Officer rejects the arguments of Respondent as set forth in Respondent's Petition, for the following reasons:
- 1.3.1 Findings of Fact 3.2 and 4.5 of the Initial Order were not in error, since Respondent was initially charged with the felony of Possessing Stolen Property in the Second Degree, regardless of whether Respondent later pleaded guilty to a gross misdemeanor of Attempted Possession of Stolen Property, based upon the same conduct. Regardless of any reason put forth by the Respondent, he plainly failed to disclose this initial felony charge on his application.
- 1.3.2 Finding of Fact No. 3.5 is not in error for the simple reason that Respondent was deceitful in failing to disclose that he pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor conviction for a crime involving "wrongful taking of property."
- 1.3.3 Finding of Fact No. 3.9 is not erroneous as written, even though Respondent's misdemeanor conviction may have later been vacated.
- 1.3.4 Respondent submitted false statements to the Department concerning his criminal history in violation of RCW 19.146.0201(8), which the subsequent vacation of his gross misdemeanor conviction cannot cure. At the time he submitted his loan originator application,

Respondent had been convicted of a gross misdemeanor involving dishonesty or financial misconduct within the past 7 years. It was therefore proper for the Department to have denied him a license, pursuant to RCW 19.146.310(1)(d). The Department is further justified in prohibiting Mr. Ramos from participation in the mortgage broker industry, pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5)(a), for providing false statements concerning his criminal history.

1.4 Based upon Conclusion of Law No. 4.8, as amended in Subparagraph 1.2.3 above, it is appropriate for the Department to prohibit Respondent from participating in the conduct of the affairs of any licensed mortgage broker, in any manner, through January 31, 2014.

2.0 FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

For all of the reasons set forth above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 2.1 The Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law as set forth in the Initial Order are confirmed except as set forth above in Paragraph 1.2 of this Final Decision and Order.
- 2.2 The application of Respondent, VICENTE ALBERTO RAMOS, for a loan originator license with the Washington State Department of Financial Institutions is denied, and VICENTE ALBERTO RAMOS is prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any licensed mortgage broker, in any manner, through and including January 31, 2014.

DATED: Jany 2500, LOUS

SCOTT JARVIS

Director & Presiding Officer

NOTICE TO THE PARTIES

In accordance with RCW 34.05.470 and WAC 10-08-215, any Petition for Reconsideration of such Final Decision and Order must be filed with the Director within ten (10) days of service of the Final Decision and Order. It should be noted that Petitions for Reconsideration do <u>not</u> stay the effectiveness of the Final Decision and Order. Judicial Review of the Final Decision and Order is available to a party according to provisions set out in the Washington Administrative Procedure Act, RCW 34.05.570.

This is to certify that the above FINAL DECISION & ORDER has been served upon the following parties on January 22, 2008, by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid.

WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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Property in the Second Degree in Pierce County Superior Court, a Gross Misdemeanor pursuant to RCW 9A.28.020, RCW 9A.56.140(1), and RCW 9A.56.160(1)(c).

1.3 Responses to Application Questions. The "Criminal Disclosure" section of the loan originator license application consists of eight questions, and includes the following instruction:

"If the answer to any of the following is "YES", provide complete details of all events or proceedings"

Respondent Ramos answered "no" to the following questions on the "Criminal Disclosure" section of his loan originator license application:

- 2-Have you ever been charged with a felony?
- 5-Have you ever been convicted of or plead guilty or nolo contendere ("no contest") in a domestic, foreign, or military court to any misdemeanor involving: financial services or a financial services-related business or any fraud, false statements or omissions, theft or any taking of property, bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, or a conspiracy to commit any of these offenses?

Respondent Ramos was obligated by statute to answer questions on the loan originator license application truthfully and to provide the Department with complete details of all events or proceedings.

II. GROUNDS FOR ENTRY OF ORDER

- **2.1** Requirement of No Prior Convictions. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Ramos fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.310(1)(d) and WAC 208-660-350(2)(c) by having been convicted of a gross misdemeanor involving dishonesty within seven years of the filing of the present application.
- 2.2 Prohibited Practices. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Ramos is in apparent violation of RCW 19.146.0201(8) and WAC 208-660-500(3)(i) for negligently making any false statement or willfully making any omission of material fact in connection with any application or any information filed by a licensee in connection with any application, examination or investigation conducted by the Department.

- **Requirement to Provide Information on License Application.** Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Ramos fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.300(1) and (2) and RCW 19.146.310(1)(b) by failing to provide an accurate and complete license application in the form prescribed by the Director.
- Requirement to Demonstrate Character and General Fitness. Based on the Factual Allegations set forth in Section I above, Respondent Ramos fails to meet the requirements of RCW 19.146.310(1)(g) and WAC 208-660-350(2)(a) by failing to demonstrate character and general fitness such as to command the confidence of the community and to warrant a belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly within the purposes of the Act.

III. AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS

- 3.1 Authority to Deny Application for Loan Originator License. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(1), the Director may deny licenses to loan originators. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.310(2) and WAC 208-660-350(7), the Director shall not issue a loan originator license if the conditions of RCW 19.146.310(1) have not been met by the applicant, and shall notify the loan originator applicant and any mortgage brokers listed on the application of the denial.
- 3.2 Authority to Prohibit from Industry. Pursuant to RCW 19.146.220(5)(a), the Director may issue orders removing from office or prohibiting from participation in the conduct of the affairs of a licensed mortgage broker, or both, any officer, principal, employee, or loan originator of any licensed mortgage broker or any person subject to licensing under the Act for any violation of RCW 19.146.0201(1) through (9).

IV. NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENTER ORDER

Respondent's violations of the provisions of chapter 19.146 RCW and chapter 208-660 WAC, as set forth in the above Factual Allegations, Grounds for Entry of Order, and Authority to Impose Sanctions, constitute a basis for the entry of an Order under RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.310. Therefore, it is the Director's intention to ORDER that:

4.1 Respondent Vicente Alberto Ramos's application for a loan originator license be denied.

4.2 Respondent Vicente Alberto Ramos be prohibited from participation in the conduct of the affairs of any mortgage broker subject to licensure by the Director, in any manner, through January 31, 2014.

V. AUTHORITY AND PROCEDURE

This Statement of Charges and Notice of Intention to Enter an Order to Deny License Application and Prohibit from Industry (Statement of Charges) is entered pursuant to the provisions of RCW 19.146.220, RCW 19.146.221, RCW 19.146.223 and RCW 19.146.230, and is subject to the provisions of chapter 34.05 RCW (The Administrative Procedure Act). Respondent may make a written request for a hearing as set forth in the NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO DEFEND AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING accompanying this Statement of Charges.

Dated this _____day of September, 2007.

DEBORAH BORTNER

Director

Division of Consumer Services

Department of Financial Institutions

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