

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY
MEDICAL SERVICES**

**In the Matter of:
RICHARD A. TURCHETTI, EMT
License Number EMT07317
EMS Case #13-047-OF**

SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF EMT LICENSE

Richard A. Turchetti, EMT (hereinafter "Respondent") is licensed as an Emergency Medical Technician pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws chapter 23-4.1 and holds license number EMT14641. This complaint came before the Department of Health, Division of Emergency Medical Services (hereinafter "Department"), upon allegations that he did engage in conduct that constituted grounds for civil disciplinary action against his EMT license pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 23-4.1-9 and the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services* Rule 14.1. After careful consideration by the Department, the following constitute the Findings of Fact with respect to the actions of the Respondent relative to this incident:

1. Respondent is 45 years old.
2. On September 11, 2013, Respondent was pulled over by North Providence Police Patrol Officer Nicholas Gannon, and the Respondent told Officer Gannon that he was in possession of Suboxone, a controlled substance. Officer Gannon confiscated five Suboxone pills, two hypodermic needles, a silver spoon with white residue, and a blue cellophane bag with brownish residue, all of which were sent for laboratory testing.

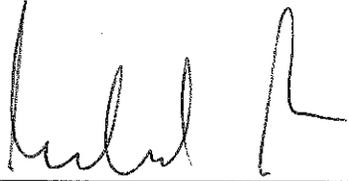
3. Officer Gannon charged Respondent with felony possession of a controlled substance, misdemeanor possession of adulterated/misbranded food/drug, and driving a motor vehicle with an expired license, and Respondent was released.
4. Respondent admitted to police that he had used heroin about one month earlier and has been trying to quit using it, which he stated is the reason he had purchased Suboxone (a drug that can be legally prescribed in the treatment of heroin addiction).

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby ordered:

1. Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-4.1-9 and 42-35-14(c) and the *Rules and Regulations Relating to Emergency Medical Services* pertaining to unprofessional conduct, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Respondent as an emergency medical technician constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public, and imperatively requires emergency action.
2. Accordingly, the emergency medical technician license of Respondent is hereby suspended and shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health.
3. Respondent is entitled to request an administrative hearing to contest this suspension, in accordance with Rhode Island General Laws § 42-35-14(c), within ten days of service of this Summary Suspension Order.

RICHARD A. TURCHETTI, EMT
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Signed this 26 day of September, 2013.



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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have delivered the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION to Richard A. Turchetti, EMT, at his last known address on this _____ day of September, 2013.
