# REAL ESTATE AGENCY BEFORE THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of the Real Estate License of

ANTHONY MATE MATIC

STIPULATED FINAL ORDER

The Oregon Real Estate Agency (Agency) and Anthony Matic (Matic) do hereby agree and stipulate to the following:

## FINDINGS OF FACT

#### AND

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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- 1.1 At all times mentioned herein, Matic was licensed as a real estate broker with Real Estate Performance Group LLC.
- 1.2 On September 26, 2023, the Agency received a complaint from the Division of Financial Regulations (DFR) regarding Matic being involved in a Ponzi scheme. The complaint stated that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) settled a case against Matic on June 30, 2023, and a judgment was entered against Matic, though Matic did not make any factual admissions in support of the judgment and denied the allegations of the Complaint. The Agency opened an investigation.
- 1.3 In his complaint to the Agency, Alex Gund (Gund), Enforcement Officer with the DFR wrote that Matic and Robert Christensen (Christensen) promised to invest money from people into real estate in the Great Lakes region. In exchange for the money received from investors, Matic and Christensen provided promissory notes that were not financially viable.
- (1.4) The United States District Court complaint case no. 3:23-cv-00959, filed by the SEC, stated Matic and Christensen had a business plan to buy real estate in the Midwest. Matic and Christensen would entice friends, business contacts, and other people to invest

money they would then use to buy rental homes in the Great Lakes region. The investors would be repaid with income or equity from the properties.

- 1.5 The SEC alleged that Matic and Christensen offered and sold their investors unregistered promissory notes, that had above-market interest rates between nine and 15 percent.
- 1.6 Matic and Christensen obtained over ten million dollars between 2018 and 2022, from investors using promissory notes that were issued under three entities they owned and controlled.
- 1.7 The SEC further alleged that money from new investors was used to make payments owed to existing investors. In addition, Matic and Christensen transferred investor funds into their personal accounts, without disclosing that information to their investors.
- 1.8 Matic and Christensen did not admit the facts in the Final Judgment for United States District Court Case No. 3:23-cv-00959, but agreed to be permanently restrained from violating directly, or indirectly, the Exchange Act of the SEC.
- 1.9 The final judgment also required Matic to pay a penalty of \$200,000.00, as well as disgorgement and prejudgment interest due of \$5,374,482.00, jointly with Christensen, and the registered businesses used in the transactions, within 365 days of the date of the final judgment.
- 1.10 Agency Investigator Lindsey Nunes (Nunes) interviewed one of Matic's investors, Nolan Booth (Booth). During the phone interview, Booth explained that Matic described his business plan as purchasing distressed single-family homes in the Midwest, and either selling them or doing a cash refinance to pay back their investors.
- 1.11 Booth told Nunes that Matic had contacted him and told him that he and Christensen were going to purchase another property and were looking for a new investor to invest \$75,000.00.
- 1.12 Booth explained to Nunes that he made several investments with Matic and Christensen between October 20, 2020, through December 17, 2021. Booth was offered terms between five and 12 percent as a return on his investments.
- 1.13 Booth further explained to Nunes that Matic and Christensen told him the promissory notes were secured by other properties they owned outright.

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- 1.14 In his interview with Nunes, Booth said Matic and Christensen asked repeatedly for additional months of extensions to pay back on his first two investments and offered Booth an additional five percent interest.
- 1.15 On March 11, 2025, Matic pleaded guilty to two counts of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud in the U.S. Department of Justice Case 3:24-cr-00291 SI.
- 1.16 The plea agreement included, "Defendant knowingly participated in a scheme in which he and co-defendant Christensen agreed to defraud victims by holding themselves out to be operating a successful real-estate business that acquired and managed single family and multi-family residential real estate properties primarily located in the Midwest." The plea agreement further included, "To induce victims to buy promissory notes, defendant and co-defendant Christensen made material misrepresentations."
- 1.17 In addition, the plea agreement states, "Defendant also knowingly participated in a scheme in which he and co-defendant Christensen defrauded commercial lenders by making material misrepresentations about their businesses' financial information in applications submitted to commercial lenders to induce them to loan money to them and their businesses."
- (1) Conclusion of Law: Matic admitted to knowingly participating in a scheme to defraud investors and commercial lenders. Matic pleaded guilty to two counts of Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud. Matic's professional real estate license is subject to discipline under ORS 696.301(1)(12)(14) 2023 Edition.

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- 2.1 The foregoing violations are grounds for discipline pursuant to ORS 696.301.
- 2.2 The Agency reserves the right to investigate and pursue additional complaints that may be received in the future regarding this licensee.
- 2.3 In establishing the violations alleged above, the Agency may rely on one or more of the definitions contained in ORS 696.010.

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#### STIPULATION AND WAIVER

I, Anthony Matic, have read and reviewed this Stipulated Final Order and its Findings of Fact, Statements of Law and Conclusions of Law. I understand that the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and this Stipulation and Waiver of Hearing rights embody the full and complete agreement and stipulation between the Agency and me. I further understand that if I do not agree with this stipulation, I have the right to request a Hearing on this matter and to be represented by legal counsel at such a Hearing. I also understand that any Hearing would be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in ORS Chapter 183 and in accordance with the Rules of Practice and Procedure adopted by the Attorney General of the State of Oregon. By signing this Stipulated Final Order, I freely and voluntarily waive my rights to a Hearing, to representation by legal counsel at such a Hearing, and to judicial review of this matter.

I hereby agree and stipulate to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and understand that the Order which follows hereafter, which I have also read and understand, may be completed and signed by the Real Estate Commissioner or may be rejected by the Real Estate Commissioner. I further understand that, in accordance with the provisions of ORS 696.445(3), notice of this Order shall be published in the Oregon Real Estate News Journal.

In addition to all of the above, I agree that once the Commissioner executes this Stipulated Final Order, I will accept service of the Stipulated Final Order by email, and hereby waive the right to challenge the validity of service.

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