

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
BOARD OF ETHICS AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY**



**IN RE: L [REDACTED] Barksdale,**

**Respondent**

**CASE No.: 1537-001**

**ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

THIS MATTER COMES BEFORE THE BOARD on the request of the Director of Government Ethics that the formal investigation initiated against the Respondent herein be dismissed; and

IT APPEARING that, pursuant to D.C. Official Code § 1-1162.13(a)(3), a formal investigation was initiated against the Respondent based upon a July 15, 2016 plea wherein the Respondent entered a guilty plea to “Receipt of a Bribe by a Public official”;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, Respondent was a contact representative in the District of Columbia Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (“DCRA”) from July 2001 until June 2012;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, a Confidential Human Source (“CHS”) of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (“FBI”) paid Respondent \$600 to issue one air conditioning permit and one electrical permit on April 20, 2012;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, the aforementioned CHS paid Respondent \$300 to issue another construction permit on May 10, 2012;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, Respondent pleaded guilty to Receipt of a Bribe by a Public Official on March 24, 2016;

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, based on Respondent's early acceptance of responsibility, (2) her willingness to debrief with the government concerning her conduct, and (3) her dependency on drugs and alcohol, Judge Amit P. Mehta of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia sentenced Respondent to 3 years of probation, to include 180 days of home confinement and location monitoring on July 13, 2016; and

IT FURTHER APPEARING that, after investigation, the Director has recommended that the Board dismiss this formal investigation for the following reasons:


1. Respondent is currently employed part-time as a permit expediter;
2. Respondent did not commit any other offenses during her tenure with the District;
3. Respondent did not initiate the April and May 2012 transactions;
4. The Office of Government Ethics would be required to expend resources that are better used for other investigations; and
5. The Director may reopen this investigation and pursue action against Respondent within the applicable limitations period, if he determines that there is reason to do so.


ORDERED that the formal investigation initiated against Respondent be, and hereby is, DISMISSED without prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED that this case be CLOSED.

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This Order is effective as demonstrated by the signature of the Chairman below.

  
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ROBERT J. SPAGNOLETTI  
Chair, Board of Ethics and Government Accountability

  
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Date