



The Office of Secretary of State  
Securities Division

IN THE MATTER OF:

Samuel Lorden Jones

Respondent

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Application No.: 252671

**ORDER OF DENIAL TO REGISTER APPLICANT AS SOLICITOR AGENT**

Pursuant to the authority contained in O.C.G.A. § 43-17-11 of the Georgia Charitable Solicitations Act, as amended (O.C.G.A. § 43-17-1 *et seq.*, the “Act”), the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia has caused an investigation to be made into the application for registration as a solicitor agent of **Samuel Lorden Jones** (the “Respondent”).

As a result of that investigation, the Commission finds as follows:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.

On or about December 29, 2014, Respondent submitted an application to register as a solicitor agent in the State of Georgia for Associated Community Services, Inc. Associated Community Services, Inc. is a registered for-profit corporation in the State of Georgia, and its principal address is 29777 Telegraph Rd., Suite 3000, Southfield, Michigan 48034.

2.

A subsequent criminal history background investigation revealed Respondent’s following

criminal history:

(1) Conspiracy to Commit Wire Fraud – Pled Guilty June 8, 2010.

3.

On April 10, 2015, the Commissioner sent Samuel Lorden Jones and Associated Community Services a Proposed Order and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing via Certified Mail. Associated Community Services, Inc. received the Proposed Order and Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing on April 13, 2015.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-17-3.1 of the Act, Respondent filed an application for registration as a solicitor agent with the Secretary of State. Therefore, Respondent is subject to the provisions of said Act and the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia promulgated thereunder.

5.

Respondent is a “solicitor agent” as defined in O.C.G.A. § 43-17-2 (16) of the Act.<sup>1</sup>

6.

The items referenced in paragraph 2 constitute grounds for denial of registration pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 43-17-7(a) (4) of the Act.<sup>2</sup>

7.

Pursuant to O.C.G.A § 43-17-16 (b) (3) of the Act, the Commissioner provided Samuel Lorden Jones sufficient notice of an Opportunity for a Hearing prior to entering this Order.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> O.C.G.A. § 43-17-2 (16) defines “Solicitor agent” as “any person other than a paid solicitor or commercial coventurer, who or which solicits charitable contributions for compensation.”

<sup>2</sup> O.C.G.A. § 43-17-7(a)(4) states that the Secretary of State may deny suspend, or revoke an application for registration if the Secretary of States finds that within the last ten years the applicant has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor involving “the larceny, theft, robbery, extortion, forgery, counterfeiting, fraudulent concealment, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, or misappropriation of funds.”

<sup>3</sup> O.C.G.A. § 42-17-16(b)(3) states that notices of opportunity for hearing shall provide the person to whom the notice is sent ten days after the receipt of the notice to request a hearing.

The entry of the foregoing Order is deemed to be in the public interest and shall be entered without prejudice regarding any transactions not mentioned herein or not known to the Secretary of State at this time.

**ORDER**

**WHEREFORE**, by the authority vested in me as Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the application for registration as a solicitor agent of **Samuel Lorden Jones** be and is hereby **DENIED**.

SO ORDERED, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

**Brian P. Kemp**  
Secretary of State

By:



**C. Ryan Germany**  
Assistant Commissioner of Securities and Charities