

**BEFORE THE IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION  
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ANKENY, IOWA**

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<b>IN RE:</b>	)	
	)	<b>CASE NUMBER: 08-236</b>
<b>Scott A. Griffin</b>	)	
<b>Salesperson (S56896)</b>	)	
	)	<b>COMBINED STATEMENT OF</b>
<b>INACTIVE</b>	)	<b>CHARGES, INFORMAL</b>
<b>1425 Burnett Ave.</b>	)	<b>SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,</b>
<b>Ames, IA 50010</b>	)	<b>AND CONSENT ORDER IN A</b>
	)	<b>DISCIPLINARY CASE</b>
<b>Respondent.</b>	)	

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The Iowa Real Estate Commission (Commission) and **Scott A. Griffin** (Respondent) enter into this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order in a Disciplinary Case (Order) pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 17A.10(1) and 272C.3(4) (2005).

1. The Commission issued the Respondent real estate salesperson license number S56896 on November 14, 2005. Respondent's license is in full force and effect until December 31, 2010. At all times relevant to this matter, the Respondent was a licensed real estate salesperson assigned to Friedrich Iowa Realty, a licensed real estate firm, license number F00485 located in Ames, Iowa.

2. The Commission has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 543B (2007). Licenses issued by the Commission are subject to the laws of the State of Iowa and to the administrative rules of the Commission.

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

COUNT I

3. Respondent is charged with engaging in practices harmful or detrimental to the public, and making misleading, deceptive, untrue, or fraudulent representations, in violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29 and 543B.34 (2007) by:

- (a) Making a false statement of material fact on an application for a real estate license. See Iowa Code §§ 543B.1, 543B.15(5), 543B.29(1) & (3), 543B.34(1) & (11), and 193E Iowa Admin. Code §§ 16.5.
- (b) Failing to complete required continuing education for the 2007 license renewal period. See Iowa Code §§ 272C.2 and 193E Iowa

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Admin. Code §§ 4.4(1), 4.5(2)(c), 16.4, 18.2(5) and 18.14(5)(s).

#### CIRCUMSTANCES

4. In July of 2008, the Commission sent the Respondent a random audit requesting verification of his continuing education hours for the 2007 license renewal period.

5. Verification of continuing education submitted by the Respondent did not meet the required thirty six hours needed for renewal of a salesperson license to active status.

6. The Respondent's 2007 on-line renewal application falsely indicated that he had completed the required 36 hours of continuing education required for the renewal of his broker license.

#### **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

7. Respondent admits each and every allegation in the above-stated Statement of Charges.

8. Respondent acknowledges that he has a right to receive notice of the above-stated charges and to request a hearing before the Commission on the merits of the charges. By freely and voluntarily entering into this Order, the Respondent waives his right to notice and a hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review. This Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in this contested case pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4.

9. Respondent agrees that the State's attorney and/or Commission staff may present this Order to the Commission and may have *ex parte* communications with the Commission while presenting it. Respondent waives any right of notice of this meeting or any right that the Respondent might have to participate in the discussion of this Order among the Commission, the Commission staff and the State's attorney.

10. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Commission in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations of the laws and rules governing the practice of real estate by the Respondent.

11. Failure to comply with the terms of this Order shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of Iowa Code sections 543B.29(3), 543B.34(2) and 272C.3(2)(a) (2007) and shall be grounds for further disciplinary action. However, no action may be taken against the Respondent for violations of this Order without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.

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12. This Order is not binding on the Iowa Real Estate Commission until it has been formally approved by a majority of the Commission members.

- (a) In the event that this Order is rejected by the Commission it shall be of no force or effect to either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.
- (b) If the Commission approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

13. Upon acceptance by both the Commission and Respondent, this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement and Consent Order shall be a public record available for inspection and copying in its entirety in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter 22 (2007).

### **CONSENT ORDER**

#### **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

14. REPRIMAND. Pursuant to 193E Iowa Administrative Code section 18.14(1)(j), the Respondent is reprimanded.

15. CIVIL PENALTY. The Respondent shall pay to the Commission a civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00 as a condition precedent to:

- (a) The Respondent's reactivation of his inactive Iowa real estate salesperson license.
- (b) The Respondent's reinstatement of his Iowa real estate salesperson license in the event of its expiration.

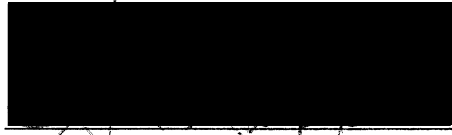
The Commission shall not reactivate or reinstate the Respondent's real estate salesperson license before and until it has received payment in full of the required civil penalty from the Respondent. Payment of the civil penalty shall not excuse the Respondent from demonstrating compliance with all other applicable statutory and regulatory requirements or otherwise qualifying for reactivation or reinstatement of her real estate salesperson license.

16. FUTURE COMPLIANCE. The Respondent shall at all future times fully and promptly comply with all pertinent Orders of the Commission and the statutes and Commission rules regulating the practice of real estate.

**WHEREFORE**, the terms of this Combined Statement of Charges, Informal Settlement Agreement, and Consent Order are agreed to and accepted by the Iowa Real Estate Commission and the Respondent.

**FOR THE RESPONDENT:**

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by **Scott A. Griffin** on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008.

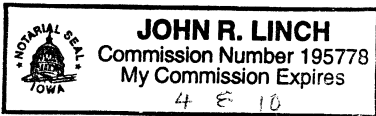


**SCOTT A. GRIFFIN**, Respondent

State of Iowa )

County of Story )

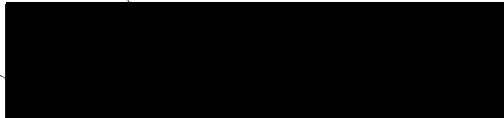
Signed and sworn to before me on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2008, by: 2009



Notary Public, State of Iowa  
Printed Name: John R. Linch  
My Commission Expires: 4 8 10

**FOR THE COMMISSION:**

Voluntarily agreed to and accepted by the **IOWA REAL ESTATE COMMISSION** on this 12 day of February, 2008.



**JAMES E. HUGHES**, Chair  
Iowa Real Estate Commission