

IN THE MATTER OF  
COLLIN K. A. ALLEN  
Applicant

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Board of Social  
Work Examiners

BEFORE THE MARYLAND  
STATE BOARD OF  
SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS  
Case Number: 2016-2165

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**CONSENT ORDER**

**PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND**

On July 11, 2016, the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") notified **COLLIN K. A. ALLEN** (the "Applicant") of its intent to deny her Application for Licensure by Examination (the "Application") to practice graduate social work in the State of Maryland under the Maryland Social Workers Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. II ("Health Occ. II") §§ 19-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol.).

On February 13, 2017, a Case Resolution Conference was held before a committee of the Board. As a resolution of the case, the Respondent agreed to enter into this public Consent Order consisting of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

The provisions of the Act pertinent to this Consent Order under Health Occ. II provide:

**§ 19-302. Qualifications of applicants.**

(a) *In general.* – To obtain a license, an applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Board that the applicant:

(3) Is of good moral character[.]

**§ 19-311. Denials, reprimands, suspensions, and revocations — Grounds.**

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 19-312 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a license to any applicant, fine a licensee, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:

- (6) Violates any provision of this title or regulations governing the practice of social work adopted and published by the Board.
- (7) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Board makes the following findings of fact:

**I. BACKGROUND**

1. The Applicant is not and has never been licensed to practice any form of social work in Maryland or in any other jurisdiction.

2. On or about January 2, 2014, the Board received the Applicant's Application.

3. In the Application, the Applicant answered "yes" in response to the following question:

Have you pled guilty to, nolo contendere to, been convicted of, or received probation before judgment for any criminal act (excluding misdemeanor traffic violations)?

4. By letter dated January 7, 2014, the Applicant provided details regarding her affirmative answer.

## II. BOARD INVESTIGATION

5. In the course of its investigation, the Board obtained the Applicant's police records from the Baltimore County Police Department and her court records from the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland.

6. A review of the police and court records revealed that the Applicant was: granted probation before judgment ("PBJ") for Felony Theft on May 10, 2010; and convicted of First Degree Burglary on March 4, 2011.

### Felony Theft (5/5/2010)

7. On or about January 4, 2010, officers from the Baltimore County Police Department ("BCPD") approached the Applicant with two other individuals in a parked car after smelling marijuana. During a search of the vehicle, BCPD officers recovered a plastic baggie containing marijuana, numerous electronic equipment, various pieces of jewelry and a credit card bearing someone else's name. BCPD officers contacted dispatch, who notified them that an individual ("Victim A"), whose name matched the name on the recovered credit card, had just reported a burglary. Victim A later identified the various electronic equipment, jewelry and credit card recovered from the Applicant's vehicle as belonging to her.

8. The Applicant was later indicted in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland under *State of Maryland vs. Collin Kristine Alfie Allen*, case number 3K10000513 with: **count 1:** Burglary in the first degree, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 6-202; **count 2:** Burglary in the third degree, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 6-204; **count 3:** Burglary in the fourth degree, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 6-205; **count 4:** Felony Theft, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 7-

104; **count 5:** Felony Theft, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 7-104; **count 6:** Credit Card Theft, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 8-204(a)(1)(i); **count 7:** Burglary in the fourth degree: Possession of Burglar's tools, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 6-205(d).

9. On or about May 5, 2010, the Applicant appeared before a circuit court judge in Baltimore County and entered a plea of not guilty as to Count Four - Felony Theft based on an agreed statement of facts. The judge found the Applicant guilty of felony theft and granted her PBJ with eighteen months of unsupervised probation.

**First Degree Burglary (12/8/2010)**

10. Approximately two and one-half months after the court disposition in the felony theft case, the Applicant was again charged with burglary and theft related charges in Baltimore County. On or about July 23, 2010, BCPD officers responded to a report of burglary in Randallstown, Maryland. The victim of the burglary ("Victim B") reported that on or about July 23, 2010, she returned home after work and noticed that someone had broken into her house, pried open her safe and stolen her Movado watch and jewelry valued at approximately \$4,000.00. BCPD officers later tracked down Victim B's Movado watch at a local pawn shop. According to the pawn shop record, the Applicant was the individual who pawned Victim B's Movado watch on July 23, 2010, for \$100. The Applicant was arrested on or about August 3, 2010.

11. The Applicant was later indicted in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland, under *State of Maryland vs. Collin Kristine Alfie Allen*, Case Number 3K10004945, with **count 1:** Burglary in the first degree, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 6-202; **count 2:** Burglary in the third degree, in violation of Md. Code Ann.

Crim. Law § 6-204; **count 3:** Burglary in the fourth degree, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 6-205; **count 4:** Felony Theft, in violation of Md. Code Ann. Crim. Law § 7-104.

12. On or about December 8, 2010, the Applicant appeared before a circuit court judge in Baltimore County and entered a plea of not guilty as to Count One - First Degree Burglary based on an agreed statement of facts. The judge found the Applicant guilty of First Degree Burglary and ordered a pre-sentencing investigation. The Applicant returned to court on or about March 4, 2011, for sentencing. The judge sentenced the Applicant to five years of incarceration with all five years suspended followed by two years of supervised probation.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Applicant's receipt of probation before judgment for felony theft on or about May 5, 2010, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland, Case Number 3K10000513, constitutes lacking in good moral character, a requisite for licensure under Health Occ. II § 19-302(a)(3).

Moreover, the Applicant's conviction for First Degree Burglary on or about March 4, 2011, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland, Case Number 3K10004945, constitutes: lacking in good moral character, a requisite for licensure under Health Occ. II § 19-302(a)(3); violating any provision of this title, in violation of Health Occ. II § 19-311(6); and being convicted of a felony and a crime involving moral turpitude, in violation of Health Occ. II § 19-311(7).

**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board considering this case:


**ORDERED** that the Applicant Collin K. A. Allen's Application for Licensure by Examination to practice graduate social work in the State of Maryland be and hereby is **DENIED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Board will not consider an application for licensure from the Applicant for **THREE (3) YEARS**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Applicant is prohibited from practicing graduate social work in the State of Maryland until she is duly licensed; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

6/9/2017  
Date

  
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Denise Capaci, LCSW-C  
Board Chair  
Maryland State Board of Social Work  
Examiners

**CONSENT**

I, Collin K. A. Allen, acknowledge that I am represented by counsel and had the opportunity to consult with counsel before entering into this Consent Order. By this Consent and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions. I acknowledge the violations as set forth above and accept personal responsibility for my behavior.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge these allegations. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed after any such hearing.

I sign this Consent Order voluntarily and without reservation, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning and terms of this Consent Order.

5/19/17  
Date

Collin K. A. Allen  
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Applicant

**NOTARY**

STATE OF Maryland  
(CITY) COUNTY OF Baltimore

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 19 day of May, 2017, before me, a Notary Public of the foregoing State and City/County personally appear Collin K. A. Allen, and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was her voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notary seal.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires:

ERIKA TRACEY ROBINSON  
Notary Public-Maryland  
Baltimore City  
My Commission Expires  
January 24, 2021