

NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA  
LOCKSMITH LICENSING BOARD  
CASE NO. EC-25-238

In the matter of:

DEKEL URIAN,  
(L. 2943-A)

Respondent.

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<b>FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND FINAL AGENCY DECISION</b>
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In accordance with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(d), the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board (the “Board”) issues the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Agency Decision in this matter.

The record reflects that a quorum of the Board was present at the hearing held on April 2, 2025, and at the time the Board made this decision on April 2, 2025. At the hearing, Ryan C. Mitiguy and Catherine E. Lee, General Counsel, appeared for Board staff. Respondent did not appear.

Before the hearing, the following inquiry was read aloud in accordance with state ethics laws: “[d]oes any board member have any known conflict of interest with respect to this matter coming before the Board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue or inappropriate participation in the particular matter involved.” No Board members stated that they had a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest.

PETITIONER’S LIST OF EXHIBITS

1. 03/03/2025 Notice of Hearing
2. 03/27/2025 Affidavit of Service
3. License Details
4. 11/05/2024 Articles of Organization
5. 2003-2024 Personal Property Tax Information
6. 01/13/2025 Request for Information Letter
7. 01/22/2025 Annual Report
8. 01/26/2025 Licensee Response to Letter Request for Information
9. 01/28/2025 Board Counsel Letter to Respondent

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about December 10, 2024, the Board issued Dekel Urian (“Respondent Licensee”) an Apprentice Locksmith License, license number 2943A and is currently valid.

2. On Respondent Licensee's application for apprentice licensure, Respondent License listed his address as 1907 Sterling Rd., Charlotte, North Carolina, 28209.
3. Prior to the Board issuing the apprentice locksmith license, Respondent registered a business with the North Carolina Secretary of State (the "NC SOS"). Specifically:
  - a. On or about November 5, 2024, Respondent Licensee filed Articles of Organization for a limited liability company, Balut, LLC.
  - b. The business address provided to the NC SOS was 1907 Sterling Rd., Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, 28209-1609.
  - c. Respondent Licensee was listed as the Registered Agent of Balut, LLC.
  - d. Respondent Licensee signed the Articles of Organization.
4. At hearing, Barden Culbreth ("Culbreth"), Executive Director of the Board, testified credibly in reference to Board records, locksmith regulations, and the responsibilities of licensees.
5. Culbreth testified credibly that Respondent Licensee nor Balut, LLC were associated with the above-referenced address provided to the Board and NC SOS.
6. Culbreth testified credibly that on or about January 10, 2025, Board Staff received notification from the current resident of the above-referenced address stating that no business was therein located and the current resident did not know Respondent licensee.
7. Culbreth testified credibly that tax records show the current resident of the above-referenced address has resided at the above-referenced address since 2003.
8. On or about January 22, 2025, Respondent Licensee filed an annual report for Balut, LLC with the NC SOS. Specifically:
  - a. The principal office street address listed was 301 S McDowell St, STE 125 #2406, Charlotte, NC 28204.
  - b. The description of nature of business was mobile locksmith service.
  - c. Respondent Licensee was listed as President of Balut, LLC.
9. Culbreth testified credibly that on or about January 13, 2025, Board Staff sent Respondent Licensee a letter requesting additional information by January 24, 2025.

10. Culbreth testified credibly that Respondent Licensee's locksmith supervisor, Dudi Lankry ("Lankry") was copied on the January 13, 2025 correspondence to Respondent Licensee.
11. Culbreth testified credibly that on or about January 26, 2025, Board Staff received an email response from Respondent Licensee, acknowledging that the incorrect address was listed on his application for an apprentice locksmith license.
12. Culbreth testified credibly that on or about January 28, 2025, Board Staff sent Respondent Licensee a letter, a proposed Consent Order, and requested a response from Respondent Licensee by February 12, 2025.
13. Culbreth testified credibly that Respondent Licensee's locksmith supervisor, Lankry, was copied on the January 28, 2025 correspondence to Respondent Licensee.
14. Culbreth testified credibly that Board Staff did not receive a response to the proposed Consent Order from Respondent Licensee.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

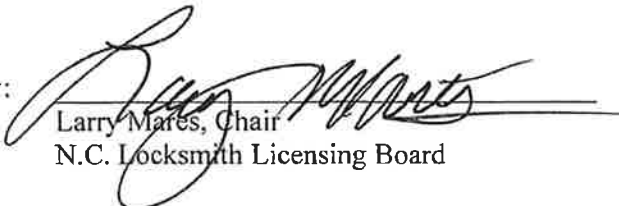
1. Respondent Licensee is subject to Chapter 74F of the North Carolina General Statutes and Title 21, Chapter 29 of the North Carolina Administrative Code.
2. Respondent Licensee is subject to jurisdiction before the Board.
3. The Board is authorized under Article 3A, Chapter 150B of the North Carolina General Statutes to hear this matter.
4. N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74F-15(a)(1) provides that the Board may deny or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a license or apprenticeship designation if the licensee, apprentice, or applicant gives false information to or withholds information from the Board in procuring or attempting to procure a license.
5. N.C.G.S. § 74F-15(a)(3) provides that the Board may deny or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a license or apprenticeship designation if the licensee, apprentice, or applicant has demonstrated gross negligence, incompetency, or misconduct in performing locksmith services.
6. N.C.G.S. § 74F-15(a)(4) provides that the Board may deny or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke a license or apprenticeship designation if the licensee, apprentice, or applicant has willfully violated any of the provisions of this Chapter.
7. Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, Respondent Licensee committed one or more of the violations described above.

### FINAL AGENCY DECISION

The North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board hereby issues the following decision:

1. Respondent Licensee's apprentice locksmith license, license no. 2943-A, is revoked. Respondent is eligible to re-apply for licensure with the Board in one year, provided that he first fulfills the following terms and conditions:
  - a. Respondent shall meet with the Board's Ethics Committee and provide, to the satisfaction and sole discretion of the Board's Ethics Committee, sufficient information to address the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth herein; and
  - b. Respondent shall not be allowed to serve a future apprenticeship upon the supervision of Dudi Lankry.
2. If Respondent is issued an apprentice license by the Board in the future, Respondent shall take and pass an examination administered by the Board that measures Respondent's knowledge and skills in locksmith services and the laws applicable to licensed locksmiths within ninety (90) days following issuance of any such license. Failure to comply with this provision shall result in the automatic revocation of such licensure.
3. This Final Agency Decision shall take effect upon service of Respondent Licensee in a manner consistent with N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-42(a).
4. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-45(a)(2), Respondent has thirty (30) days from the date that he receives this Final Agency Decision to file a Petition for Judicial Review. The Petition for Judicial Review must be filed in the Superior Court of the county where the person aggrieved by the administrative decision resides, or in the case of a person residing outside the State, in the county where the contested case which resulted in the final decision was filed. Since this is an administrative appeal, no additional evidence will be taken. If a Petition is filed, a Superior Court Judge will review the Final Agency Decision to determine whether there were any legal errors in the Final Agency Decision.

By order of the North Carolina Locksmith Licensing Board, this, the 8th day of April, 2025.

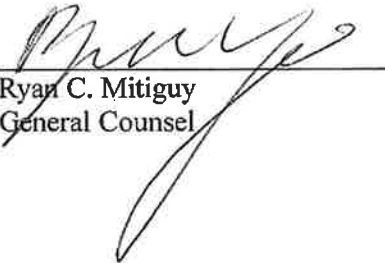
By:   
Larry Mares, Chair  
N.C. Locksmith Licensing Board

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Agency Decision was served upon the Respondent by US Mail, postage prepaid, First Class, and addressed as follows:

Dekel Urian, Licensee  
301 S McDowell St,  
STE 125 #2406,  
Charlotte, NC 28204

This, the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2025.

  
Ryan C. Mitiguy  
General Counsel