

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

I, Ken Copeland, do state as follows:

- 1. I am above the age of majority, I have personal knowledge of the facts described in this declaration and I am competent to testify.
- 2. I have been employed by of the Department of Labor and Industries for approximately 8 years. From 05/17/1999 to 12/15/2005, I was an electrical inspector. From 12/16/2005 to, 04/15/2007 I was a member of the ECORE team, in charge of Regions 1 & 2 electrical compliance covering King, Snohomish, Skagit, Island, San Juan, & Whatcom counties. Since April 16, 2007, I have been the electrical inspector supervisor in the Tukwila office of the Department.
- 3. On our about the 20th of March, 2007, I telephoned and spoke to the City of Redmond's electrical inspector Jeff Sheppard. I placed the call with the purpose of investigating the circumstances surrounding the April 11, 2005 "finalized" electrical inspection conducted by the City of Redmond at 8209 172nd Ave., NE, Redmond, Washington and to issue appropriate citations to Automated Home Solutions (dba of V&E Medical Imaging Services, Inc.) for doing electrical work without appropriate permits.
- 4. During that conversation, Mr. Sheppard told me that he did not go to 8209 172nd Ave., NE, Redmond, on April 11, 2005 when he finalized the electrical inspection on the home at that address.
- 5. Mr. Sheppard and I discussed whether to issue citations to Automated Home Solutions for performing work without required permits. Mr. Sheppard did not wish to have citations issued to Automated Home Solutions for failing to purchase permits for electrical installations they performed at 8209 172nd Ave. N.E. in Redmond.
- 6. According to Mr. Sheppard Automated Home Solutions had a City of Redmond permit to do branch circuit upgrades in "renovated areas." But it installed new branch circuits throughout the entire house, for areas not covered by its permit. Automated also installed, without permits, a distributed music system and home theatre, a Smoke and Fire alarm system, and a new electrical grounding system for the newly installed service panel.
- 7. The citations I would have issued Automated Home Solutions for doing electrical work without required permits are as follows:

RCW 19.28.101 Failing to obtain or post an electrical/telecommunications work permit prior to beginning the electrical/telecommunication installation or alteration as referenced in WAC 296-46B-900 (4).

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I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed this <u>27</u> day of June, 2007 at <u>TuKwila</u>, Washington.

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