

BEFORE THE MISSOURI BOARD  
OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND  
PRIVATE FIRE INVESTIGATOR EXAMINERS

In the Matter of the Application of )  
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BRANDYANN FINE-YOUNGBLOOD, )  
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Applicant. )

**ORDER OF THE MISSOURI BOARD OF PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR AND PRIVATE FIRE INVESTIGATOR  
EXAMINERS ISSUING A PROBATIONARY PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR LICENSE TO  
BRANDYANN FINE-YOUNGBLOOD**

The Missouri Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners (the "Board") hereby issues its **ORDER** granting a **PROBATIONARY PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR LICENSE**, License No. 2023043228, to BrandyAnn Fine-Youngblood (hereafter "Fine-Youngblood"), pursuant to the provisions of § 324.038, RSMo.<sup>1</sup> As set forth in § 324.038.2, RSMo, Fine-Youngblood may submit a written request to the Administrative Hearing Commission seeking a hearing and review of the Board's decision to issue a probated license. Such written request must be filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission within 30 days of delivery or mailing of this Order of the Board. The written request should be addressed to the **Administrative Hearing Commission, United States Post Office Building, P.O. Box 1557, 131 West High St., Jefferson City, MO 65102-1557**. If no written request for review is filed with the Administrative Hearing Commission within the 30-day period, the right to seek review of the Board's decision shall be considered waived. Should Fine-Youngblood file a written request for review of this Order, the terms and conditions of this Order shall remain in force and effect unless or until such time as the Administrative Hearing Commission issues an Order to the contrary.

I.

Based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby states:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Board is an agency of the state of Missouri created and established pursuant to § 324.1102, RSMo, for the purpose of licensing all persons engaged in the practice of private investigation and

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<sup>1</sup> All statutory references are to Missouri Revised Statutes 2000, as amended, unless otherwise indicated.

private fire investigation in this state. The Board has control and supervision of the licensed occupations and enforcement of the terms and provisions of § 324.1100 to 324.1148, RSMo.

2. On or about June 23, 2023, Fine-Youngblood completed the application form for licensure as a private investigator. As required, Fine-Youngblood submitted the application fee, a statement as to exemption from workers' compensation and proof of insurance. Fine-Youngblood asserted on her application that she had three years' experience in private investigator experience doing civil investigation, general investigations, asset recovery and searches, process serving, criminal investigations, and skip tracing.

3. On July 6, 2023, Board Executive Director Pam Goose sent Fine-Youngblood an email about her work experience. Ms. Goose requested clarification of Fine-Youngblood's experience based on the statutory definition of private investigator business. Fine-Youngblood responded on July 7, 2023 describing her experience. She also stated "Unfortunately, the investigator I worked with let his license lapse. I uncovered this when I was ready to submit my application. I understand this could be problematic and I am fully ready and willing to take the test if needed." In a second email on July 7, 2023, Fine-Youngblood stated that the PI she worked with was Bob Faulk.

4. On July 10, 2023, Ms. Goose sent additional correspondence to Fine-Youngblood. First she informed Fine-Youngblood that Faulk had not held an active license since 2014. She asked for the time frame during which she worked with Faulk and whether Fine-Youngblood was aware of whether Faulk had been working as a private investigator since 2014. Fine-Youngblood responded the same day to Ms. Goose's inquiry.

5. Fine-Youngblood sent a response on July 10, 2023. She stated that Faulk had been working as a private investigator since 2014 and her husband had used his private investigator services since 2006. She stated her first assignment from Faulk was on January 20, 2021 and the last April, 2023. She stated she found out Falk did not have a license when she was getting ready to submit her application. She stated she asked him on more than one occasion if he had a license and he finally responded on May 25, 2023. She stated she knew her experience would not likely be viable because he did not have a license but she wanted to be upfront and explain her situation. Fine-Youngblood also included a screen shot of a text message exchange

with Faulk. On May 25, 2023, Fine-Youngblood sent Faulk a text asking if he had his private investigator license. Faulk responded "I let it lapse but I'm grandfathered in on most everything."

6. Board records reveal that the Board originally licensed Faulk on July 28, 2011. Faulk renewed his license on April 30, 2012 and it expired April 30, 2014. Faulk has not renewed his license since that time.

7. Fine-Youngblood appeared before the Board at its regularly scheduled meeting on August 3, 2023 to discuss her application. She testified about the type of experience she got from Faulk and stated that doing this type of work "brought her joy." She stated that she never knew the clients for whom she did the work and he would pay her in cash, with a check from his other business, or by PayPal. She stated she earned less than \$3,000.00 in the three years she worked with him. She stated he had other people working for him but she never knew who they were or how many there were. She stated he never reviewed the Board's statutes or rules. Fine-Youngblood answered all of the Board's questions and was remorseful about working with someone who was unlicensed. She stated Faulk specifically informed her that he was a licensed private investigator.

8. On October 10, 2023, Fine-Youngblood took and successfully passed the Board's PI Examination.

## II.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

9. The Board has cause to deny or refuse Fine-Youngblood's application for a private investigator agency employee license pursuant to § 324.1112.1(1) and (7), RSMo, which provides:

1. The Board may deny a request for a license if the applicant:

(1) Has committed any act which, if committed by a licensee, would be grounds for the suspension or revocation of a license under the provisions of sections 324.1100 to 324.1148;

...

(7) While unlicensed, committed or aided and abetted the commission of any act for which a license is required by sections 324.1100 to 324.1148 after August 28, 2007[.]

10. Section 324.1100, RSMo, states, in pertinent part:

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(14) "Private investigator", any person who receives any consideration, either directly or indirectly, for engaging in the private investigator business;

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(16) "Private investigator business", the furnishing of, making of, or agreeing to make, any investigation for the purpose of obtaining information pertaining to:

- (a) Crimes or wrongs done against the United States or any territory of the United States;
- (b) The identity, habits, conduct, business, occupation, honesty, integrity, reliability, knowledge, trustworthiness, efficiency, loyalty, activity, movement, whereabouts, affiliations, associations, transactions, acts, reputation, or character of any person;
- (c) The location, disposition, or recovery of lost or stolen property;
- (d) Securing evidence to be used before any court, board, officer, or investigating committee;
- (e) Sale of personal identification information to the public; or
- (f) The cause of responsibility for libel, losses, accident, or damage to injury to persons or property or protection of life or property.

11. Section 324.1104, RSMo, states, in pertinent part:

Prohibited Acts. -- Unless expressly exempted from the provisions of sections 324.1100 to 324.1148:

(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the private investigator business or carry out a private fire investigation in this state unless such person is licensed as a private investigator or private fire investigator under section 324.1100 to 324.1148;

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business in this state as a private investigator agency or private fire investigator agency unless such person is licensed under sections 324.1100 to 324.1148.

12. As a result of Fine-Youngblood's actions, as described in paragraphs 2 through 7 above, constituting violations of sections 324.1100 to 324.1148, RSMo, as stated in paragraphs 10 through 11 above, the Board has cause to deny or refuse Fine-Youngblood's application for a private investigator license pursuant to § 324.1112.1(1) and (7), RSMo.

13. As an alternative to refusing to issue a license, the Board may, at its discretion, issue a license subject to probation, pursuant to § 324.038.1, RSMo, which provides:

Whenever a board within or assigned to the division of professional registration, including the division itself when so empowered, may refuse to issue a license for reasons which also serve as a basis for filing a complaint with the administrative hearing commission seeking

disciplinary action against a holder of a license, the board, as an alternative to refusing to issue a license, may, at its discretion, issue to an applicant a license subject to probation.

14. The Board issues this Order in lieu of denial of Fine-Youngblood's application for a private investigator license. The Board has determined that this Order is necessary to ensure the protection of the public.

### III.

#### **ORDER**

15. Based on the foregoing, BrandyAnn Fine-Youngblood is granted a private investigator license, which is hereby placed on **PROBATION** for a period of one (1) year from the effective date of this Order, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

### IV.

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

16. During the aforementioned probation, BrandyAnn Fine-Youngblood shall be entitled to present herself and serve as a licensed private investigator subject to the following terms and conditions:

##### Specific Term of Discipline

- A. Fine-Youngblood shall complete sixteen (16) hours of continuing education coursework from the Board's approved list of continuing education courses. At least eight (8) of the hours shall be completed within the first six (6) months of probation following the effective date of this Order. Board approved courses may be found at <https://pr.mo.gov/boards/pi/Approval-No-Order.pdf>.

##### General Terms of Discipline

- A. During the disciplinary period, Fine-Youngblood shall keep the Board informed of her current work and home telephone numbers. Fine-Youngblood shall notify the Board in writing within ten days (10) of any change in this information.
- B. During the probationary period, Fine-Youngblood shall timely renew her license granted hereby and shall timely pay all fees required for licensure and comply with all other Board requirements necessary to maintain said license in a current and active state.
- C. During the probationary period, Fine-Youngblood shall accept and comply with unannounced visits from the Board's representatives to monitor compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order.
- D. During the disciplinary period, Fine-Youngblood shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee upon request.
- E. Fine-Youngblood shall submit written reports to the Board on or before January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1 during each year of the probationary period stating truthfully whether there has been compliance with all terms and conditions of this Order. The written report shall include the identity

of all employers for whom Fine-Youngblood worked as a private investigator during the preceding reporting period.

- F. Fine-Youngblood shall execute any release or provide any other authorization necessary for the Board to obtain records of his employment during the terms of the permit.
- G. Fine-Youngblood shall comply with all provisions of §§ 324.100 to 324.1148; all federal and state drug laws, rules, and regulations; and all federal and state criminal laws. "State" here includes the state of Missouri, all other states and territories of the United States, and the ordinances of political subdivisions of any state or territory. Fine-Youngblood shall immediately report any violation of this provision to the board in writing. Fine-Youngblood shall also immediately report any allegation that he has violated this provision to the Board, in writing. Examples of allegations of such a violation include, but are not limited to, any arrest, summons, inquiry by any law enforcement official into these topics, or inquiry into these topics by a health oversight agency. Fine-Youngblood shall sign releases or other documents authorizing and requesting the holder of any closed record related to this paragraph to release such records to the Board.
- H. Fine-Youngblood is hereby informed that the Missouri Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners will maintain this Order as an open record of the Board as provided in Chapters 610 and 324, RSMo. He shall truthfully answer any inquiry regarding his license status or disciplinary history.
- I. Fine-Youngblood shall immediately submit documents showing compliance with the requirements of this Order to the Board when requested.
- J. In the event the Board determines that Fine-Youngblood has violated any term or condition of this Order, the Board may, in its discretion, after an evidentiary hearing, suspend, revoke, or otherwise lawfully discipline Fine-Youngblood's license.
- K. No Order shall be entered by the Board pursuant to the preceding paragraph of this Order without notice and an opportunity for hearing before the Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 536, RSMo.
- L. The Board retains jurisdiction to hold a hearing at any time to determine if a violation of this Order has occurred and, if a violation of this Order has occurred, may seek to amend this Order or impose further disciplinary or appropriate action at the discretion of the Board. No order shall be entered by the Board pursuant to this paragraph without any required notice and opportunity for a hearing before the Board as provided by Chapter 536, RSMo.
- M. Unless otherwise specified by the Board, all reports, documentation, notices, or other materials required to be submitted to the Board shall be forwarded to: Missouri Board of Private Investigator and Private Fire Investigator Examiners, P.O. Box 1335, Jefferson City, Missouri 65102.
- N. Any failure by Fine-Youngblood to comply with any condition of discipline set forth herein constitutes a violation of this Order.

16. This Order does not bind the Board or restrict the remedies available to it concerning any violation by Fine-Youngblood of the terms and conditions of this Order, Chapter 324, RSMo, or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

17. The Board will maintain this Order as an open, public record of the Board as provided in Chapters 324 and 610, RSMo.

SO ORDERED, EFFECTIVE THIS 24th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2023.

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*Pamela Groose*

Pamela Groose, Executive Director

