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Master electrician license revoked for Central Texas work

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation has revoked the master electrician license of a Quitman resident after he allowed someone else to perform electrical work using his license number and did not supervise the work as he is required to do by law.

Timothy D. Rike signed an agreed order revoking his license and also agreed to pay an administrative penalty of $4,500. The revocation went into effect on Nov. 12, 2019.

Electrical contractors must either be a master electrician or must employ a licensed master electrician who will be responsible for supervising all electrical licensees who work for the electrical contractor. Allowing someone else to use a master electrician license is grounds for denial, suspension or revocation of an electrical contractor license.

A TDLR investigation found that:

- In November 2016, Rike allowed Centrair Electric to use his master electrician license to pull permits and perform electrical work at a location in **San Antonio**. Rike told TDLR investigators that he never went to the jobsite and did not know who had worked at the site, even though he was responsible for the work they performed.
- In December 2016, Rike allowed Centrair Electric to use his master electrician license to pull permits and perform electrical work at a location in **Austin.** Rike told TDLR investigators that he never went to the jobsite and did not know who had worked at the site, even though he was responsible for the work they performed.
- In March 2017, Rike allowed Centrair Electric to use his master electrician license to pull permits and perform electrical work at a location in **Boerne**. Rike told TDLR investigators that he never went to the jobsite and did not know who had worked at the site, even though he was responsible for the work they performed.

Rike cannot apply to have his licensed reinstated for at least one year.

TDLR maintains a public list of people whose licenses have been revoked, who have received cease-and-desist orders, or who have permanent injunctions issued against them, so that consumers can protect

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themselves against using unlicensed work activities. To see ALL violations, including license revocations, suspensions, and fines, search TDLR's Administrative Orders database (https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/cimsfo/fosearch.asp).

To report unlicensed activity, file a complaint online: https://www.tdlr.texas.gov/complaints/.

About TDLR
TDLR provides regulatory oversight for a broad range of occupations, businesses, facilities, and equipment in Texas. The agency protects the health and safety of Texans by ensuring they are served by qualified, licensed professionals. Inspections of individuals, businesses, and equipment are done on a regular basis to safeguard the public. Currently, the agency regulates 38 business and occupational licensing programs with more than 1,000,000 licensees across the state.

Visit TDLR's website for more information and resources. You can search the TDLR licensee database, and also find past violations in which a final order was issued against companies or individuals. TDLR's Customer Service line is available anytime between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 1-800-803-9202. TDLR representatives are fluent in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, Korean and Mandarin.

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