

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

**IN THE MATTER OF  
PATRICK LYNN EDWARDS**

**VSB DOCKET NO. 24-000-130799**

**RULE TO SHOW CAUSE  
AND  
ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION AND HEARING**

It appearing to the Board that Patrick Lynn Edwards was licensed to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia on February 2, 2009, and,

It further appearing that on December 7, 2023, Patrick Lynn Edwards entered a guilty plea in CASE NOS.: CF 23000012, CF23000013 and CF23000046 to Burglary, Grand Larceny and Credit Card Fraud, in the Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria.

It further appearing that Patrick Lynn Edwards has been convicted of a Crime, as defined by the Rules of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22.A.,

It is ORDERED, pursuant to the Rules of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-22, that the license of Patrick Lynn Edwards to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and the same is, hereby SUSPENDED, effective **January 30, 2024**.

It is further ORDERED that Patrick Lynn Edwards appear before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board on **Friday, February 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m., in the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, Courtroom 1, 133 East Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219** to show cause why his license to practice law within the Commonwealth of Virginia should not be further suspended or revoked.

It is further ORDERED that Patrick Lynn Edwards shall forthwith give notice, by certified mail, of the Suspension of his license to practice law in Virginia to all clients for whom he is currently handling matters and to all opposing Attorneys and the presiding Judges in pending litigation. The Respondent shall also make appropriate arrangements for the disposition of matters then in his care in conformity with the wishes of his clients. The Respondent shall

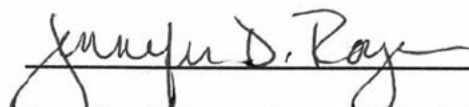
give such notice immediately and in no event later than fourteen (14) days of the effective date of the Suspension, and make such arrangements as are required herein as soon as is practicable and in no event later than forty-five (45) days of the effective date of the Suspension. The Respondent shall also furnish proof to the Clerk of the Disciplinary System of the Virginia State Bar within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Suspension that such notices have been timely given and such arrangements for the disposition of matters have been made. The Board shall decide all issues concerning the adequacy of the notice and arrangements required herein. The burden of proof shall be on the Respondent to show compliance. If the Respondent fails to show compliance, the Board may impose a sanction of Revocation or additional Suspension for failure to comply with the requirements of subparagraph 13-29.

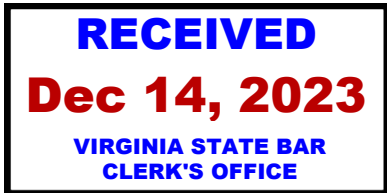
It is further ORDERED that a copy of the Statement of Facts and Felony Guilty Plea Memorandum and Agreement be attached to this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing and made a part hereof.

It is further ORDERED that an attested copy of this Rule to Show Cause and Order of Summary Suspension and Hearing, with attachments, shall be mailed to the Respondent by certified, first-class, and electronic mail to his Virginia State Bar address of record, at 2200 Wilson Blvd. Suite 102 #247, Arlington, VA 22201, and a copy by electronic mail to Tenley Carroll Seli, Assistant Bar Counsel.

ENTERED THIS 24<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

  
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Jennifer D. Royer, Second Vice Chair



**OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY  
STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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**DEFENDANT:** Patrick Edwards

**PROSECUTOR:** HKV

**CASE #:** 21-076349

**CHARGE(S):** Burglary, Grand Larceny

**PLEA AGREEMENT:** None (direct indictment)

**COMMONWEALTH'S STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

On October 8, 2021, Officer Dylan Ignacio reported to 300 N. Lee Street in the City of Alexandria to the business located within (Burke & Herbert) to take a burglary complaint. While there, Officer Ignacio spoke with Director of Security Derrick Copeland who showed him surveillance footage from the early morning on September 30, 2021, when the burglary was alleged to have occurred. The footage shows a white male of medium build use a car unlocking tool to gain access to the locked doors on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors of the building and remove a silver HP laptop valued at \$1100, a black laptop bag, and a silver HP computer monitor valued at \$350. The male appeared to be wearing a New Balance brand shoe during the burglary.

On or about February 15, 2023, an arrest warrant was served on the residence and vehicle of the Defendant, Patrick Edwards, in Arlington County in an unrelated investigation. During the investigation, officers retrieved a silver HP laptop and a black laptop bag from the vehicle with a Burke & Herbert label on the front. The serial number of the HP laptop was confirmed to have been the same as that stolen from 300 N. Lee Street on 9/30/21.

Further, Detective Kristina Loerch of the Alexandria Police Department was

able to review the surveillance footage and found the suspect to bear significant resemblance to the Defendant, to include an identifying mark on the back of the neck, a unique arch line to the brow, and hair style and hair line. She was also able to identify photographs of a similar pair of New Balance shoe in Mr. Edwards' residence from the serving of the search warrants.



**OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY  
STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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**DEFENDANT:** Patrick Edwards

**PROSECUTOR:** HKV

**CASE #:** 22-072602; Arlington Case Number 2022-11280267

**CHARGE(S):**

**PLEA AGREEMENT:** None (direct indictment)

**COMMONWEALTH'S STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

On September 8, 2022, Paul Haig reported to the Alexandria Police Department that an unknown person had stolen a Chevy Chase bank corporate credit card, along with other items, from the corporate offices of Rebuilding Together DVA located at 301 N. Fairfax Street, Suite 208, in the City of Alexandria. Investigators learned that the card was left in the office on September 2, 2022 (Friday before Labor Day), and, as Mr. Haig was leaving around 5:30 P.M., he observed a short white/Hispanic male with dark hair attempted to push a box out of an elevator. Mr. Haig did not recognize this individual. He subsequently received notifications of purchases on the card over September 3-4 and noticed that the card, along with a Dell Laptop, a nail-gun, and a circular saw, was missing when he returned to the office on September 6.

The following unauthorized transactions were conducted using the card:

- September 3: two transactions at the Liberty Gas Station at 725 N. Washington St. in the City of Alexandria for a combined total of \$90.67;
- September 3: one transaction at 7-11 at 1625 Wilson Boulevard in the City of Arlington for \$20.32;
- September 3: one transaction at Continental Pool Lounge and Beer

Garden at 1911 Fort Myer Drive in the City of Arlington for \$133.00;

- September 4: one transaction at 7-11 at an unknown address in the city of Springfield for \$15.37.

In addition, one additional transaction was attempted on September 3 at CVS at 2121 15<sup>th</sup> Street North in the City of Arlington for \$100, which was declined.

Detective Garrett Haws was able to contact Continental Pool Lounge and Beer Garden and obtained surveillance footage from September 3, as well as a copy of the receipt signed, which indicates a transaction concluded at 1:12 P.M. on September 3.

On September 15, 2022, Detective Haws reported to Continental Pool Lounge and met with Katie Smith, the General Manager, who indicated that the individual who used the Chase card on September 3 was known to one of her bartenders and was identified as Arlington attorney Patrick Edwards (defendant). Detective Haws subsequently spoke to bartender Katie Thingelstad, who confirmed that she served Mr. Edwards on September 3, that he paid using the Chase Bank card, and that she had previously served him on multiple occasions. Ms. Thingelstad subsequently participated in a double-blind photo line up and was able to positively identify the defendant as the customer that she had served on September 3. A photo line-up was also attempted by Mr. Haig, but he was not able to either identify or eliminate the defendant.

Detective Haws also retrieved surveillance footage from CVS for a transaction that was attempted at around 9:19 P.M. on September 3, 2022. The transaction reflects a white male, strongly resembling the defendant, attempt to purchase a gift card for \$100 and then walking away after the card was declined.

Detective Haws subsequently recovered surveillance footage from the 7-11 for a transaction conducted at 8:17 A.M. on September 3, 2022. The footage reveals a white male matching the defendant's description arrive at the building at 8:15 in a 2012 black Honda Accord missing a front bumper. The vehicle bears Virginia Tags VKE4664 and is registered to a dwelling of 1549 19<sup>th</sup> Street North, Arlington VA.



The male subsequently purchases Pizza, candy, and four Monster Zero drinks. The male is wearing the same shirt as the purchaser in the CVS surveillance video.

On November 9, 2022, a search warrant was executed on the defendant's residence. At the residence, police located several credit cards with names other than the defendant's but were not able to locate the Chase card in question or the other items taken from 301 N. Fairfax.



**OFFICE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY  
STATEMENT OF FACTS**

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**DEFENDANT:** Patrick Edwards

**PROSECUTOR:** HKV

**CASE #:** 22-011641; 22-072602; Arlington Case Number 2022-11280267

**CHARGE(S):** Credit Card Fraud

**PLEA AGREEMENT:** None (direct indictment)

**COMMONWEALTH'S STATEMENT OF FACTS:**

On February 14, 2022, attorney John Quinn made a report that a credit card belonging to his client Alexander Mirtchev was stolen, activated, and used on multiple occasions. Specifically, he detailed that a Merrill Lynch card had initially been mailed to Mr. Quinn's office at 301 N. Fairfax St. Suite 206 in the City of Alexandria in late 2021 but was stolen and used multiple times. A second card was then sent and similarly stolen and used in February 2022. Mr. Quinn reported that he suspected an employee who worked across the hall at Coleman Law Group. He described the individual was a white male with dark hair, glasses, and bright blue eyes.

On November 9, 2022, a search warrant was executed on the defendant's residence on an unrelated credit card theft investigation. At the residence, police located several credit cards with names other than the defendant's, including four cards in the name of Alexander Mirtchev (three Merrill Lynch and one Bank of America).

Detective Garrett Haws obtained ATM stills from uses of the card on January 1, 2022 (in Arlington) and on January 3, 2022 (in Alexandria). Both stills depict a white male bearing strong resemblance to the Defendant. Records obtained from



Merrill Lynch show that the card was used on January 1 in Arlington for a debit of \$920, on January 2 in Alexandria for a debit of \$950, on January 3 in Alexandria for two debits of \$750 and \$2500 respectively, and one debit in Alexandria on January 20 for \$1800 for a total of \$6920.

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VIRGINIA:

IN THE  
CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

CF23000012  
CF23000013  
CF23000046

— v. —

PATRICK EDWARDS  
*Defendant.*

Guilty Plea  
~~December 7, 2023~~  
December 7

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**FELONY GUILTY PLEA MEMORANDUM AND AGREEMENT**

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- (1) My name is PATRICK EDWARDS. My date of birth is [REDACTED] and my Social Security Number is [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
- (2) I am represented by counsel whose name is Brittany Donnellan, Esq.

***Understanding of the Charges***

- (3) I have received a copy of the amended indictments before being called upon to plead. I have read the indictments and discussed them with my attorney. I understand the charges against me. I have told my attorney everything I know about the case against me. My attorney has explained to me the elements of Felony Statutory Burglary, Misdemeanor Unlawful Entry, and Misdemeanor Petit Larceny. My attorney has explained to me what the Commonwealth must prove to convict me. I have discussed with my attorney whether to plead guilty or not guilty. After that discussion, I have decided for myself that I should plead guilty. I understand that by pleading guilty I admit that I committed the offenses alleged in the indictment. We also have discussed any possible defenses I might have to the offenses to which I am pleading guilty.

***Waiver of Rights***

- (4) I understand that by pleading guilty I waive all objections to the admissibility of evidence and to the legality of my arrest and any search and seizure of property.
- (5) I understand that I may, if I so choose, plead Not Guilty to any charge against me, and that if I do plead Not Guilty, the Constitution guarantees that I would have:

- (a) The right to a speedy and public trial by jury, with a lawyer to help me at all stages of the proceedings, and the unanimous agreement of a jury that I am guilty beyond a reasonable doubt before I can be convicted;
- (b) The right to see, hear, and be confronted with all witnesses against me, and the right to cross-examine those witnesses;
- (c) The right to use the process of the Court to compel the production of any evidence and the attendance of witnesses on my behalf;
- (d) The right to require the Commonwealth to prove every material allegation against me beyond a reasonable doubt, and to prove my guilt beyond a reasonable doubt;
- (e) The right to seek appellate review of the decision of this Court in the event I am convicted;
- (f) The right to remain silent and to not take the stand or give testimony against myself, and I understand that no inference could be drawn from my failure to testify.

I understand that I am waiving these rights by pleading guilty.

#### ***Possible Penalties***

- (6) I understand that by pleading guilty I am agreeing that the Court shall enter a written order finding me guilty. Therefore, by pleading guilty I subject myself to the same possible penalties as if I had been convicted of the same offense after a trial by jury or by the Court sitting without a jury. I understand these possible penalties are:

**Felony Statutory Burglary:** a term of imprisonment of not less than 5 years nor more than 20 years, and, subject to subdivision, and a fine of not more than \$100,000, either or both

**Misdemeanor Unlawful Entry:** a term of jail of not more than 12 months, and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both

**Misdemeanor Petit Larceny:** a term of jail of not more than 12 months, and a fine of not more than \$2,500, either or both

- (7) No one connected with the State, such as the police or the Commonwealth's Attorney, or any other official, in any manner has threatened me or forced me to enter this plea of guilty when in fact I am not guilty.

#### ***The Plea Agreement***

(8) My attorney and I have made the following agreement with the Attorney for the Commonwealth:

- I will plead guilty to Felony Statutory Burglary, two counts of Misdemeanor Unlawful Entry, and two counts of Misdemeanor Petit Larceny.
- The Court will enter a written order finding me guilty.
- This matter will be continued for preparation of a pre-sentence investigation and for sentencing.
- I agree that I will remain on bond pending sentencing on the same terms and conditions previously ordered and will not move to change those conditions pending sentencing.
- I further agree that I will not move to withdraw my guilty plea except on the basis of ineffective assistance at counsel and I stipulate that any other motion to withdraw would prejudice the Commonwealth.
- At sentencing, my sentence on the five charges remains free to argue, subject to the following:
  - The Commonwealth agrees to cap any request of active incarceration at six months;
  - I agree that any sentence will include conditions that I not return to 300 N. Lee Street and 301 N. Fairfax Street in the City of Alexandria, and that I have no contact with Haig Paul aka Paul Haig, Alexander Mirtchev, and John Quinn;
  - The Commonwealth further agrees not to bring additional criminal charges related to the property larcenies reported by Haig Paul aka Paul Haig at Rebuilding Together DCA, or by John P. Quinn of Sale & Quinn, P.C.;
  - My payment of court costs.


This is the entire agreement, and no one has made me any other commitments or promises of leniency.

### *The Consequences of the Guilty Plea*

(9) I understand that in imposing punishment the Court is not bound by any agreement between the Commonwealth's Attorney and me, and that the Court need not follow any recommendation of the Commonwealth's Attorney. I have discussed my citizenship, immigration, and legal status with my attorney. I understand that, if I am not a United States citizen, my plea of guilty may make me eligible for deportation from the United States, and otherwise carries a risk of adverse immigration consequences. I wish to enter this guilty plea despite any such adverse immigration consequences. I acknowledge that by entering this plea of guilty, I waive any right to withdraw my plea or challenge at any time my conviction or sentence because of any present or future adverse immigration consequences. I also understand that immigration and the status of aliens are subjects of the Federal Government's power, and that this Court has no jurisdiction over matters of immigration, legal status, or deportation.

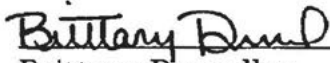
- (10) I am entirely satisfied with the services of my attorney who has represented me in this matter.
- (11) I understand that by pleading guilty I waive any right to appeal the decision of this Court.
- (12) I understand all the questions asked of me and do not have any further questions.
- (13) I therefore freely and voluntarily make no claim of innocence and plead guilty to **Felony Statutory Burglary, and Misdemeanor Petit Larceny** in Criminal Case CF23000046, and to **Misdemeanor Unlawful Entry** in Criminal Case CF23000012, and to **Misdemeanor Unlawful Entry, and Misdemeanor Petit Larceny** in Criminal Case CF23000013.

Signed by me in the presence of my attorney this 1<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

  
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 Patrick L. Edwards  
 Defendant

The above accords with our understanding of the facts of this case.

*I certify that I have complied with the requirements of Va. Code §19.2-11.01(A)(4)(d).*

  
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 Brittany Donnellan  
 Attorney for the Defendant

  
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 Harsh K. Voruganti  
 Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney

A Copy Teste:

J. Greg Parks, Clerk

By  Deputy Clerk

Certified this 13<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 2023

