

**BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
STATE FIRE MARSHAL DIVISION**

IN RE: JEREMY KINZEY
Applicant for Class C – Systems Installer License per the
Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on for hearing on Tuesday, October 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. CST before the Commissioner of Insurance, who is also the State Fire Marshal, for the State of Mississippi, by and through his specially designated appointee, the Hon. Kim Causey (hereinafter “Hearing Officer”), via in person and teleconference hearing, pursuant to Notice of Hearing dated October 12, 2026. The Respondent, Jeremy Kinzey, who had been provided notice of the hearing, did not appear or participate in the hearing and was found in default. Mark Lampton, Senior Attorney for the Mississippi Insurance Department, represented the Mississippi Insurance Department, State Fire Marshal’s Division. The State called no witnesses and presented as evidence the documentary evidence identified below. The following documents were entered into the record:

(1) PLEADINGS AND PROCEDURAL:

- A. Notice of Hearing;
- B. Denial of Application;
- C. Email with delivery receipt providing Respondent with Notice of Hearing;
- D. Email with delivery receipt providing Respondent with Denial of Application.

(2) State’s Exhibits for the Hearing:

- Exhibit 1: Respondent’s Application for License;
- Exhibit 2: Court Documents in State of MS vs. Jeremy Kinzey (pending);
- Exhibit 3: Email from Jeremy Kinzey dated October 5, 2026;
- Exhibit 4: Text messages between Jeremy Kinzey and Justin Ghanami.

(3) Respondent’s Exhibits for the Hearing: None.

I. AUTHORITY

Miss. Code § 73-69-7 (Supp. 2024) authorizes the State Fire Marshal to administer and enforce the provisions of the Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act, including the authority to deny an application for licensure upon a determination that the applicant is not qualified for the license.

Miss. Code § 73-69-11 (Supp. 2024) provides the licensure requirements applicable to Class B, C, D, and H licenses.

Miss. Code § 73-69-11(2) provides that a conviction of a felony offense, receipt of a first-time offender pardon for a felony, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a felony charge shall be automatically disqualifying unless more than ten (10) years has elapsed between the date of application and the successful completion or service of any sentence, deferred adjudication or period of probation or parole. The time limitation exception shall not apply to convictions of a felony crime of violence or a sex offense as defined within the Mississippi Criminal Code.

II. NOTICE AND HEARING

The Mississippi Insurance Department has jurisdiction over the Respondent, Jeremy Kinzey, and the subject matter of his application for a Class C – Systems Installer license in Mississippi. On October 5, 2026, a Notice of Denial of Application for Licensure was issued to the Respondent, advising him of the decision to deny his licensure application and the grounds therefor. On October 12, 2026, Respondent submitted a request for a hearing and reconsideration of the decision to deny his application. On October 12, 2026, a Notice of Hearing was issued to the Respondent setting this matter for hearing on October 20, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. The hearing was called to order, at the time and place described in the Notice of Hearing. The Respondent failed to attend or participate in the hearing.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

AFTER CONSIDERING all of the evidence presented, using the standard of proof of “clear and convincing evidence”, the State Fire Marshal makes the following Findings of Fact:

(1) On February 28, 2025, the Respondent, Jeremy Kinzey, a criminal affidavit was filed in the Municipal Court for the City of Jackson charging the Respondent with the offense of embezzlement (felony) (See Exhibit S-2). The matter was filed in the records of the Circuit Court for the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi. The charge is still pending and the Respondent has not filed any motions with the court requesting that the charge be dismissed.

(2) Respondent’s application for licensure as a Class C – Systems Installer license under the Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act was filed with the State Fire Marshal’s Office on August 28, 2026.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

IN LIGHT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED Findings of Fact, the State Fire Marshal concludes that sufficient cause does exist to deny the Class C – Systems Installer license application submitted by Respondent, Jeremy Kinzey, pursuant to authority set forth in *Miss. Code § 73-69-1 et seq (Supp. 2024)*, because he is not qualified for licensure at this time. The Respondent’s application should be denied because he is presently facing pending and unresolved felony charges for the offense of embezzlement, which is an offense that renders the Respondent statutorily disqualified for licensure.

V. JUDGMENT

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Application for Class C – Systems Installer License under the Mississippi Electronic Protection Licensing Act as submitted by Jeremy Kinzey is hereby **DENIED**.

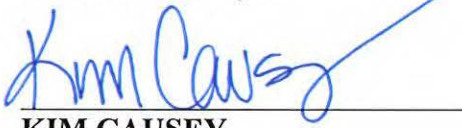
It is noted that should the Respondent desire to appeal this decision to the Chancery Court for the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, he may do so pursuant to the provisions of *Miss. Code § 73-69-33*.

SO ORDERED, this the 20th day of October, 2026.



MIKE CHANEY
STATE FIRE MARSHAL
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Recommended by:



KIM CAUSEY
HEARING OFFICER