

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, LABOR & ECONOMIC GROWTH

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GOVERNOR

June 12, 2009

STANLEY "SKIP" PRUSS
DIRECTOR

Randy L. Kruger 22 Hull Street Coldwater, MI 49036

Re:

Complaint No. 308967

Randy L. Kruger vs. Media Sentry

Dear Mr. Kruger:

The Department has concluded its investigation in the above referenced matter and has closed its files. The Professional Investigator Licensure Act, 1965 PA 285, formerly, Private Detective License Act, Section 338.823(1), states:

A person, firm, partnership, company, limited liability company, or corporation shall not engage in the business of private detective or investigator for hire, fee or reward, and shall not advertise his or her business to be that of detective or of a detective agency without first obtaining a license from the department.

The attorney general or county prosecuting attorney may bring an appropriate civil or criminal action in a court of law to enjoin any person that engages in any activity under the Act without being appropriately licensed or exempt from licensure under this act. The Court may impose a civil fine of up to \$25,000 for a violation of the Act. The Court may also find a person practicing without a license guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment.

While it appears that the activity alleged in the complaint whereby Media Sentry's action to detect and locate internet users who may be downloading music requires a license under the Private Investigators Licensure Act, there is insufficient evidence collected in the investigation that proves that Media Sentry was paid for such services. The investigation has not established all of the elements to prove a violation.

If you have sustained damages resulting from the unlicensed practice of the respondent, you may file suit in the small claims division of the District Court in your area which, by law, can render a judgment of \$3,000 or less to your benefit. Forms are available at the Court and personnel may assist you in completing them. If the amount in dispute is more than \$3,000 you may consult an attorney to determine the feasibility of filing suit in the District or Circuit Court.

The Department has closed the complaint without administrative sanctions against the respondent at this time.

DELEG is an equal opportunity employer/program.

Auxiliary aids, services and other reasonable accommodations are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The complaint may be reopened if the Department receives additional information and/or evidence that would support continued investigation.

Sincerely,

Cathlene Haskin, Regional Manager Enforcement Division

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c: Media Sentry