

**STATE OF OHIO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**Division of Financial Institutions**  
**Consumer Finance**

In the matter of:	)	Case No. 03-LO-D-10-11
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<b>RUSSELL C. PICONE</b>	)	<b>Notice of Intent to Deny Loan Officer License</b>
5845 Graydon Drive	)	&
Seven Hills, Ohio 44131	)	<b>Notice of Opportunity for a Hearing</b>
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**JURISDICTION**

The Ohio Department of Commerce, by and through the Superintendent of the Division of Financial Institutions ("Division"), is charged with the responsibility of administering and enforcing the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act, codified in Ohio Revised Code ("R.C.") Chapter 1322. In accordance therewith, the Division is accountable for the licensing of individuals as residential mortgage loan officers.

**RESPONDENT**

RUSSELL C. PICONE ("Respondent") has applied to the Division for a loan officer license. Respondent's address of record 5845 Graydon Drive, Seven Hills, Ohio 44131, and his date of birth is January 8, 1956. Respondent's employer of record is Precision Funding Corp., located at 2132 Case Parkway North #A, in Twinsburg, Ohio.

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION**

In accordance with sections 1322.041 and 1322.10 of the R.C., and R.C. Chapter 119, the Division intends to DENY Respondent a loan officer license.

**BASIS FOR PROPOSED ACTION**

The Division has conducted an investigation of Respondent, pursuant to R.C. 1322.031(B), and has found the following:

1. In or around 1995, in the New Jersey Superior Court, Ocean County, New Jersey, Respondent pleaded guilty to and was convicted of ENDANGERING THE WELFARE OF A CHILD.
2. In or around 1996, in the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, Respondent was convicted of INDECENT ASSAULT, a misdemeanor of the second degree, and was ordered to register as a SEXUALLY ORIENTED OFFENDER.
3. Respondent violated R.C. 1322.07(A) and 1322.07(B) by failing to disclose the criminal offense(s) listed in the paragraph(s) above on his/her loan officer license. R.C. 1322.07(A) prohibits an applicant for a loan officer license from "[o]btain[ing] a \*\*\* license through any false or fraudulent representation of a material fact or any omission of a material fact required by state law, or [from] making any substantial misrepresentation in any \*\*\* license application[.]" R.C. 1322.07(B) prohibits an applicant for a loan officer license from "[m]ak[ing] false or misleading statements of a material fact, omissions of statements required by state law[.]"

As a result of the findings listed above, the Division has determined that:

1. Respondent's character and general fitness do not command the confidence of the public and warrant the belief that the business will be operated honestly and fairly in compliance with the purposes of the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act. See R.C. 1322.041(A)(5).

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING ON PROPOSED ACTION**

Therefore, pursuant to R.C. Chapters 1322 and 119, Respondent is hereby notified that thirty-one (31) days from the date of the mailing of this Notice, the Superintendent intends to issue an order denying Respondent a loan officer license under the Ohio Mortgage Broker Act.

Respondent is further notified, pursuant to R.C. Chapter 119, that Respondent is entitled to a hearing on this matter. If Respondent desires to request a hearing, the request must be made in writing, and must be received in the offices of the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of this Notice. Hearing requests should be addressed: Ohio Division of Financial Institutions, Attn: Amanda Axtell, Esq., 77 South High Street, 21<sup>st</sup> Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-6120.

At the hearing, Respondent may appear in person, by Respondent's attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before the Agency, or Respondent may present its position, arguments, or contentions in writing, and, at the hearing, may present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against Respondent.

If the Ohio Division of Financial Institutions does not receive a written request for a hearing in its offices within thirty (30) days of the time of the mailing of this Notice, the Superintendent will issue an order denying Respondent a loan officer license.

Signed and sealed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2003.

  
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**ROBERT M. GRIESER**

Deputy Superintendent for Consumer Finance, Division of Financial Institutions  
Ohio Department of Commerce