

UNITED STATE OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
Washington, D.C.

In the Matter of:

ALISHA TRICE-WALKER,

Respondent.

24-JM-0214-DB-001

October 1, 2024

DEBARRING OFFICIALS' DETERMINATION

Introduction and Background

By Notice of Suspension date January 9, 2023, (“Notice”), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (“HUD”) notified Respondent ALISHA TRICE-WALKER that HUD had suspended her based upon an Information filed in the Marion Superior Court, Criminal Division for the State of Indiana, Marion County, charging her with eight criminal counts, including charges for violating I.C. 35-43-4-2(a) and I.C. 35-41-5-2 and I.C. 35-43-4-2(a)(1)(A) [Conspiracy to Commit Theft] and I.C. 35-43-5-7(a)(1) and I.C. 35-41-5-2 and I.C. 35-43-5-7(b)(1) [Conspiracy to Commit Welfare Fraud]. Respondent is accused of providing false information to HUD and the Indianapolis Housing Authority in order to receive Housing Assistance Payments for which she was not allowed. Respondent is also accused of providing false information to the Social Security Administration to allow her co-conspirator Steven Johnson to receive supplemental security income to which he was not entitled. The Information constitutes adequate evidence on which to base your suspension under 2 CFR §§ 180.700 and 180.705. Based upon the Information and the pending criminal charges, HUD determined that immediate action was necessary to protect the public and suspended Respondent pending the outcome of the criminal proceedings or any related debarment proceedings.

The Respondent, through her counsel, requested a hearing before the Suspending Official concerning HUD’s immediate suspension of Respondent from participating in procurement and nonprocurement transactions as a participant or principal with HUD and throughout the Executive Branch of the Federal Government. On April 5, 2024, the Suspending Official referred the matter to the Office of Hearing and Appeals to conduct a hearing and provide a recommendation decision.

On September 3, 2024, Respondent filed her *Motion to Withdraw Appeal* explaining that, due to recent developments, Respondent has decided not to pursue this matter any further. Respondent, therefore, requests that the Court allow her to withdraw her appeal. Respondent also notes that the HUD does not oppose Respondent's request. Subsequently, the Office of Hearings and Appeals issued an Order dated September 9, 2024, referred the matter back to the Suspension Official for disposition as a result of the disputed material facts no longer being challenged.

Conclusion

Due to the material facts no longer being disputed by the Respondent, as stated in the Office of Hearings and Appeals aforementioned Order, I have determined, in accordance with 2 C.F.R. §§180.700 and 180.755, to affirm your Suspension dated January 9, 2024. Your suspension is for a temporary period pending the outcome of the criminal proceedings or any related debarment action. The Department will notify you when your suspension is terminated.

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