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RELEASE OF INFORMATION
RE: THOMAS PATRICK COOPER, BPR #026251
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BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY
615-361-7500

July 20, 2018

TENNESSEE LAWYER SUSPENDED

On July 20, 2018, the Tennessee Supreme Court suspended Thomas Patrick Cooper of Miami Beach, Florida, from the practice of law until further orders of the Court pursuant to Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 22.3. Mr. Cooper was suspended based upon his criminal conviction for Grand Theft and Defrauding a Financial Institution in the matter of *The State of Florida v. Thomas Patrick Cooper*, in the 17th Judicial Circuit Court in and for Broward County. The Supreme Court's Order is effective immediately.

Pursuant to the Order of the Supreme Court, the matter has been referred to the Board to institute formal proceedings to determine the extent of the final discipline to be imposed upon Mr. Cooper as a result of his conviction of a serious crime.

Mr. Cooper must comply with Tennessee Supreme Court Rule 9, Section 28, regarding the obligations and responsibilities of suspended attorneys.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TENNESSEE
AT NASHVILLE

IN RE: THOMAS PATRICK COOPER, BPR #026251

An Attorney Licensed to Practice Law in Tennessee
(Miami Beach, Florida)

No. M2018-01318-SC-BAR-BP
BOPR No. 2018-2888-0-AJ-22.3

ORDER OF ENFORCEMENT

This matter is before the Court pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3, upon a Notice of Submission filed by Disciplinary Counsel for the Board of Professional Responsibility consisting of a copy of a conviction in the 17th Judicial Circuit Court in and for Broward County in the matter of *The State of Florida v. Thomas Patrick Cooper* (attached as Exhibit A) demonstrating that Thomas Patrick Cooper, a Tennessee attorney, has pled nolo contendere to a serious crime, i.e., violation of Florida Statutes 812.014(1)(a), 812.014(1)(b) and 812.014(2)(b)1: Grand Theft and Florida Statute 655.0322(6): Defrauding a Financial Institution.

IT IS THEREFORE, CONSIDERED, ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COURT THAT:

1. Thomas Patrick Cooper is suspended from the practice of law on this date pending further orders of this Court, pursuant to Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 22.3;
2. This matter shall be referred to the Board of Professional Responsibility for the institution of a formal proceeding in which the sole issue to be determined shall be the extent of the final discipline;
3. Thomas Patrick Cooper shall fully comply with the provisions of Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28, concerning disbarred or suspended attorneys; and
4. The Board of Professional Responsibility shall cause notice of this suspension to be published as required by Tenn. Sup. Ct. R. 9, § 28.11.

PER CURIAM

Thomas Cooper
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July 6, 2018

Board of Professional Responsibility
10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 220
Brentwood, TN 37027

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing to inform you of my adjudication of guilt in Broward County, Florida on one count of Grand Theft and one count of Defrauding a Financial Institution.

The judgement is a result of a plea contendre to the above-mentioned charges on May 2, 2018. I copy of the judgement is attached.

My BPR number is 026251.

Please contact me at 615-918-9505, tpcooper@gmail.com, or by mail for any additional information you need on this issue.

Regards,



Thomas Cooper
BPR Number 026251

Exhibit A

**** FILED: BROWARD COUNTY, FL Brenda D. Forman, CLERK 5/2/2018 1:38:44 PM,****

17th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
 IN AND FOR BROWARD COUNTY

DIVISION:
 CRIMINAL

DIVISION: FH

JUDGMENT

THE STATE OF FLORIDA VS. CASE NUMBER

DEFENDANT Thomas Patrick Cooper 17003090 CF 10A
 Probation Violator

State Attorney P. Lubin
 Court Reporter S. Suggen

The Defendant, Thomas Patrick Cooper being personally before this Court represented by
J. Kreiss his attorney of record, and having:

(Check applicable provision)

- Been tried and found guilty of the following crime(s)
- Entered a plea of guilty to the following crime(s)
- Entered a plea of nolo contendere to the following crime(s)

COUNT	CRIME	OFFENSE STATUTE NUMBER(S)	DEGREE OF CRIME	ADD'L MONIES IMPOSED
<u>1</u>	<u>Grand Theft</u>	<u>812.014(1)(a)</u>	<u>2^o</u>	
		<u>812.014(1)(b)</u>		
<u>3</u>	<u>Defrauding A Finan. Inst.</u>	<u>812.014(2)(b)</u>		
		<u>655.0322(1)</u>	<u>2^o</u>	

and no cause having been shown why the Defendant should not be adjudicated guilty, IT IS ORDERED THAT the Defendant is hereby ADJUDICATED GUILTY of the above crime(s).

The Defendant is hereby ordered to pay the sum of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) pursuant to F.S. 938.03 (Crimes Comp. Trust Fund). The Defendant is further ordered to pay the sum of Five Dollars (\$5.00) as court costs pursuant to F.S. 938.03(1) and 938.15 fines imposed as part of a sentence pursuant to F.S. 777.083(1) and to be recorded on the Sentence page(s).

(Check if applicable)

- Stayed & Withheld Imposition of Sentence The court hereby stays and withholds the imposition of sentence as to count(s) 1 & 3 and places the Defendant on probation for a period of 5 years under the supervision of the Department of Corrections (conditions of probation set forth in a separate order)
- Sentence Deferred Until Later Date The court hereby defers imposition of sentence until _____ (Date)
- Pay \$225.00 Trust Fund pursuant to F.S. 938.05(1)(a)

Count(s) _____ DAYS/MONTHS BROWARD COUNTY JAIL W/CREDIT _____ DAYS TIME SERVED.

The Defendant in open court was advised of his right to appeal from this Judgment by filing notice of appeal with the Clerk of Court within thirty days following the date sentence is imposed or probation is ordered pursuant to this adjudication. The Defendant was also advised of his right to the assistance of counsel in taking said appeal at the expense of the State upon showing indigence.

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing was served on the State Attorney by: hand delivery U.S. mail and to the Defense Attorney by: hand delivery U.S. mail this 2 day of MAY 2018

Deputy Clerk
 ICC 112-65 JUDGMENT

Cooper, Thomas

DIVISION:	<input type="checkbox"/> ADJUDICATION WITHHELD	CASE NUMBER
CRIMINAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ADJUDICATED GUILTY	170 03090 CP 10A

FINGERPRINTS OF DEFENDANT

Fingerprints taken by:

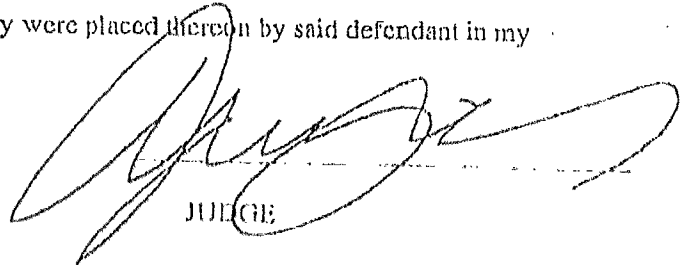
Deputy E. Pao 12537 Court Deputy

Name & Title

DONE AND ORDERED in Open Court at Broward County, Florida this 2 day of May 2-010
I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing fingerprints are of the Defendant

Thomas Patrick Cooper and that they were placed thereon by said defendant in my presence

in Open court this date.


JUDGE