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RID Addresses Invalid Rater Scores on National Interpreter Certification Exam

- *Fraudulent activities committed by one former RID employee affected exam results for 34 individuals whose National Interpreter Certification (NIC) Interview and Performance Examinations were scored between January and September 2010*
- *These individuals represent less than three (3) percent of those who took the exam in 2010*
- *Resolution underway based on widely accepted practices with considerable precedence*
- *Former employee convicted of conspiracy to commit embezzlement and attempted forgery, sentenced to one year in jail and ordered to pay restitution*

ALEXANDRIA, VA — The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID) today announced that fraudulent activities committed by one former RID employee affected the results of approximately 34 individuals whose National Association of the Deaf (NAD)-RID National Interpreter Certification (NIC) Interview and Performance Examinations were scored between January and September 2010. These individuals represent less than three (3) percent of those who took the exam in 2010.

In order to determine the extent of the fraud, RID retained an outside forensics auditor to conduct an independent investigation. The results of this investigation, combined with a series of internal audits and reviews, revealed that, in the pursuit to embezzle funds from the organization, Guy Motley, the former RID employee, falsified exam scores, rater payments and check endorsements, for the purpose of diverting funds to himself. Individuals affected by these activities were notified earlier this week.

“While RID has determined that the impact on RID and our members is very limited, we take this fraud extremely seriously and are working diligently to resolve the issues this incident has raised,” said Clay Nettles, RID Executive Director. “We took steps immediately to prevent similar activities from taking place in the future, and we have a process in place to resolve the invalid ratings in a way that is fair to the candidates affected and to the consumers of interpreting services.”

The resolution process, developed in consultation with independent certification and assessment experts and based on widely accepted practices with considerable precedence, involves retesting of the NIC Interview and Performance Examination for those individuals who had a rater score deemed invalid. RID has determined that, in the interim, the affected individuals’ original exam results will stand.

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“While the fraud involved invalid scoring of some exams, it is imperative to understand that the validity of the NIC Interview and Performance Examination and the integrity of the testing methodology are uncompromised, and RID remains a financially sound organization,” Nettles said. “For nearly four decades, RID has offered a robust and highly respected certification program. This has grown into a nationally recognized certification that today mandates educational requirements, adherence to a code of professional conduct and ongoing professional development. RID stands true to its commitment to its members, the Deaf community and its certification program.”

As part of a plea agreement last month, Mr. Motley was criminally convicted of conspiracy to commit embezzlement and attempted forgery. He is currently serving a one-year jail sentence and has been ordered to pay restitution to RID.

RID is committed to open and transparent communication about this matter. We will provide additional information about the issue as we can while prioritizing service to those directly affected by the criminal actions of Mr. Motley and maintaining the confidentiality required by the sensitive nature of the incident.

About RID

The Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (RID), a national membership organization representing professionals who facilitate communication between people who are deaf or hard of hearing and people who hear, has played a leading role in establishing a national standard of quality for interpreters and transliterators. It is the mission of RID to provide international, national, regional, state and local forums and an organizational structure for the continued growth and development of the profession of interpretation and transliteration of American Sign Language and English. For more information, visit www.rid.org.

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