

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD**

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Complainant

vs.

MELVIN ALTON HARRELL JR.

Respondent

**Docket Number: 2024-0246
Enforcement Activity Number: 7904437**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW

This matter comes before me on the Coast Guard's Motion to Withdraw (Motion), filed on July 9, 2024, requesting the above-captioned case be dismissed without prejudice. In its Motion, the Coast Guard states it consulted with Melvin Alton Harrell, Jr. (Respondent), who did not oppose the Motion. Further, Respondent has not filed a response.

The Coast Guard initiated this case by filing a Complaint against Respondent on April 30, 2024, alleging Respondent was convicted of an offense that would prevent the issuance of a Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), as determined by a National Maritime Center (NMC) marine safety and suitability evaluation. In the Motion, the Coast Guard states that, in a separate but related matter, the NMC denied of the issuance of Respondent's MMC with an officer's endorsement. The Coast Guard further explained that Respondent appealed this decision to the Commandant (CG-5PS), who granted the appeal and reversed the NMC's denial. Thus, as Respondent's arson conviction does not prevent the issuance of an MMC with an officer endorsement, the Coast Guard moves to withdraw its Complaint. In

accordance with 33 C.F.R. § 20.311(c), I find the Coast Guard's request to withdraw the Complaint is sufficient.

WHEREFORE,

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, this matter is dismissed **WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, the hearing scheduled to begin on September 11, 2024, in Norfolk, Virginia, is **CANCELLED**.

Done and dated August 6, 2024
Baltimore, Maryland

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lineka N. Quijano", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

**HON. LINEKA N. QUIJANO
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**