

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD,
Complainant,

vs.

ALONZO DEWAYNE WILLIAMS,
Respondent.

Docket No. 2023-0287
Enforcement Activity No. 7651367

**ORDER GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION FOR WITHDRAWAL AND ORDER
DISMISSING WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

On February 27, 2024, I convened a hearing of this matter in Houston, Texas. Andrew Myers, Esq., and LT Chrisina L. Jeanes appeared on behalf of the United States Coast Guard. Keith Letourneau, Esq., appeared on behalf of Alonzo Dewayne Williams (Respondent).

At the outset of the hearing, the parties advised that Respondent had submitted a voluntary surrender pursuant to 46 C.F.R. § 5.203. Consistent with the surrender, the Coast Guard moved to withdraw this matter as permitted by 33 C.F.R. § 20.311. Without objection, I **GRANTED** the Coast Guard's motion and directed the Coast Guard to file a written motion for clarity of the record.

On February 29, 2024, the Coast Guard filed its written motion pursuant to 33 C.F.R. § 20.311. In support of the motion, the Coast Guard attached the voluntary surrender agreement, which Respondent signed on February 27, 2024.

Consistent with its motion made during the hearing on February 27, 2024, the Coast Guard moves to dismiss this matter in light of 46 C.F.R. § 5.203, which provides:

§ 5.203 Voluntary surrender to avoid hearing.

(a) Any holder may surrender a credential or endorsement to the Coast Guard in preference to appearing at a hearing.

(b) A holder voluntarily surrendering a credential or endorsement shall sign a written statement containing the stipulations that:

- (1) The surrender is made voluntarily in preference to appearing at a hearing;
- (2) All rights to the credential or endorsement surrendered are permanently relinquished; and,
- (3) Any rights with respect to a hearing are waived.

(c) A voluntary surrender of a credential or endorsement to an investigating officer in preference to appearing at a hearing is not to be accepted by an investigating officer unless the investigating officer is convinced that the holder fully realizes the effect of such surrender.

Upon review of the file and the foregoing authority, I will **GRANT** the Coast Guard's unopposed request and **DISMISS** this matter **WITHOUT PREJUDICE**.

SO ORDERED.

Done and dated March 6, 2024, at
Houston, Texas



THE HONORABLE TOMMY CANTRELL
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD