

## WOULD-BE CLIENT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

After careful thought, prayerful consideration, and capricious calculation, your recent application for Public Assistance has been rejected for the following reasons:

- We do not wish to facilitate your continued lethargy and deflated self-esteem.
- We know you'd just fritter away your allotment on booze, drugs, and cigarettes.
- We made a concerted effort to verify your residence, going all the way back to the Domesday Book, but nobody knows your name.
- Tearing a page out of the phone book and marking it with crayons does not constitute a valid job search, even if it is Notarized.
- The last time we placed you on Public Assistance, you wound up in jail one month later, then sold your Medicaid Card to a pharmacy for a carton of cigarettes.
- When you came in to apply, you were wearing more gold jewelry than our Bureau Chief. You shouldn't go out in stormy weather with that much metal on you.
- You passed the metal detector, but gave our drug-sniffing dog a sinus infection.
- Your satellite dish is bigger than Channel 10's.
- Three years ago you bought some pet food with Food Stamps. (We were watching.)
- We would like you to apply for SSI, following a psychological evaluation. If you have a multiple personality, you may qualify for group rate, or start your own HMO.
- We know you're really a drug dealer from New York City concerned about your lack of a 401(K) plan. This is a nice place to visit, but we don't want you to live here.
- You short-sheeted your neighbor at the shelter, and refused to say Grace before meals. Then you asked for seconds on dessert.
- Your green card is counterfeit. (Hint: There are two "m's in Immigration.)
- Your car has a better sound system than Madison Square Garden.
- You failed to appear for a Job Fair, without a valid excuse. This is the fourth time your mother "died" this year. If she found out how you've been wasting your life, she'd roll over in her grave (if she had one).
- Do we look like we're made of money?
- The address you gave is a  parking lot  car wash  nuclear waste site
- Your BMW is nicer than our Commissioner's (*General Services disapproved his request for air shocks*). Your tinted windows are suitable for viewing solar eclipses.

### YOUR RIGHTS IN THIS MATTER

- You have a right to a Conciliation Meeting with our supervisor, who knows that if she finds in your favor, she can kiss that promotion good-bye.
- You have a right to a Fair Hearing with a hearing officer (a lawyer who backed the wrong candidate last year, or else she'd be deputy commissioner by now). The hearing officer may find in your favor (sure!), or decide to take it out on you.
- You have a right to remain silent.
- You have a right to go out and get a job and stop plaguing us with your "I'm just a victim of society" malarkey (trans. "bullcrap" in Gaelic).
- You have the right to reapply under a fictitious name in another county (preferably one that doesn't end in "y").