BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,))
Petitioner,)
vs.)
CURTIS PLETCHER, a licensed professional bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)) CASE NO. 11-0907-DIS)
And)
and the second s	FILED
SAMANTHA SHEPHERD, a licensed bail)
bondsman in the State of Oklahoma) APR 0.5 2012
Respondents.	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA

CONDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel., John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel and alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and as such is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code 36 O.S. §§ 101-7004 and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Respondent Curtis Pletcher ("Pletcher") is a licensed professional bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199574.
- Respondent Samantha Shepherd ("Shepherd") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199750.

FINDINGS

1. On or about March 25, 2011, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Chris Thompson

Case Number(s):

CM-11-178

City/County:

Kay County

Bondsman:

Samantha Shepherd

Surety:

Curtis Pletcher

Power Number(s):

18668

Bond Amount(s):

\$2,500.00

2. On May 18, 2011, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued by the district court on May 18, 2011, and filed in the case. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondents with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the forfeiture.

- 3. Pletcher received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on June 4, 2011.
- 4. Shepherd received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on June 13, 2011.
- 5. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Shepherd was September 3, 2011, a Saturday. The following Monday, September 5, 2011 was Labor Day. Thus, the ninety-first (91st) day became Tuesday, September 6, 2011. The Defendant was not returned to custody within ninety (90) days of receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture, nor were sums due on the forfeiture deposited with the court clerk on the ninety first (91st) day.
- 6. Based on the above allegation, on September 15, 2011, the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("Department") issued a *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to be Heard* fining Respondents Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) each. The Conditional Order was mailed to Respondents via certified mail, with return receipt requested on the same day.
- 7. Pletcher received the Conditional Order on September 22, 2011. On October 11, 2011, Pletcher paid the fine due.
 - 8. The mailing to Shepherd was returned to the Department on October 18, 2011,

marked "Return to Sender, Vacant, Unable to Forward."

- 9. On October 24, 2011, the pleading was mailed again to Shepherd. On January 5, 2012, Department legal staff contacted Shepherd to inform her of the difficulty of delivering mail to her address of record. Shepherd provided the Department with her home address, to which the pleading was again mailed.
 - 10. Shepherd received the pleading on January 23, 2012.
- 11. The Conditional Order was final on February 24, 2012, as no hearing was requested, and the fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) became due.
 - 12. As of the date of this Conditional Order, Shepherd has not paid the fine.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The allegations are found to be true and correct, and Respondent has failed to comply with an order of the Commissioner. Under 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(7), the Commissioner may suspend any license for "failure to comply with, or any violation of any proper order, rule, or regulation of the Commissioner."

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Samantha Shepherd's bail bondsman license (number 199750) is suspended.

Respondent is further notified that she may request a hearing within 30 days of the receipt of this Order concerning this action, and upon such request, the Oklahoma Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to Michael P. Copeland, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 and **shall include an explanation of Respondent's**

actions described herein and any defenses thereto.

If Respondent does not request a hearing within the 30 days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the 31st day following the receipt of the Order, and Samantha Shepherd's bail bondsman license (number 199750) shall be suspended, and the fine of Five Hundred Dollars Dollars (\$500.00) shall be due.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this _____ day of April, 2012.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Michael P. Copeland Assistant General Counsel 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112 Tel. (405) 521-2746

Fax (405) 521-0125

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to Be Heard* was mailed certified, return receipt requested, on this _____ day of April, 2012, to:

Samantha Shepherd 2018 W. 9th St. Stillwater, OK 74074

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7001 0320 0004 4250 4394

Sherry Standerf

+	U.S. Postal Service CERTIFIED MAIL RECEIPT (Domestic Mail Only; No Insurance Coverage Provided)		
439	OFF	ICIAL	W DN
4250	Postage Certified Fee	\$	APR THE
4000	Return Receipt Fee (Endorsement Required) Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required)		Postidark Head
7001 0320	Sent To Samantha Lynn Shepherd 2018 W. 9th Street Street, Apt. No. or PO Box No. City, State, ZiF sms/11-0907-DIS/Cond. Ord.		
5	PS Form 3800, January 20		See Reverse for Instructions

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
 Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 1. Article Addressed to: 	A. Signature X
Samantha Lynn Shepherd 2018 W. 9th Street Stillwater, Ok 74074 sms/11-0907-DIS/Cond. Ord.	APR 2 4 2012 Legal Division 3. Service Type Certified Mail
2. Article Number (Transfer from service label) 7001 0320	0004 4250 4394
PS Form 3811, February 2004 Domestic Ret	turn Receipt 102595-02-M-154