BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK,)		FILED
Insurance Commissioner,)		
Petitioner,)		JUN 08 2012
VS.)		INSURANCE COMMISSIONER 12-0261-DIS OKLAHOMA
)	Case No.	12-0261-DIS OKLAHOMA
EUGENE PHILLIPS, a licensed bail bondsman in)		
the State of Oklahoma,)		
)		
Respondent.)		

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. §§ 101-7301, and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Eugene Phillips ("Respondent") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40036559.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Insufficient Funds #1

1. On December 14, 2011, Respondent submitted an insufficient electronic funds transfer ("EFT") to the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("Department") in the amount of \$3.00 for payment of his October 2011 Safety National Casualty Corporation report reviewal fees and ok.gov fee.

- 2. On January 9, 2012, Department staff sent an email to Respondent informing him of the unpaid amount and urging him to replace the funds.
- 3. On January 27, 2012, Department staff sent Respondent a letter, via certified mail, informing him of the unpaid amount and that a \$25.00 service fee was being assessed. The letter also instructed that \$3.00 for the amount of the EFT and \$25.00 for the service fee, for a total of \$28.00, be paid to the Department by cashier's check or money order within five (5) days of receipt of the letter.
 - 4. Respondent received the letter on January 30, 2012.

Insufficient Funds #2

- 5. On December 15, 2011, Respondent submitted an insufficient electronic funds transfer ("EFT") to the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("Department") in the amount of \$775.01 for payment of his November 2011 Safety National Casualty Corporation report reviewal fees and okgov.com fee.
- 6. On January 9, 2012, Department staff sent an email to Respondent informing him of the unpaid amount and urging him to replace the funds.
- 7. On January 27, 2012, Department staff sent Respondent a letter, via certified mail, informing him of the unpaid amount and that a \$25.00 service fee was being assessed. The letter also instructed that \$775.01 for the amount of the EFT and \$25.00 for the service fee, for a total of \$800.01, be paid to the Department by cashier's check or money order within five (5) days of receipt of the letter.
 - 8. Respondent received the letter on January 30, 2012.

Insufficient Funds #3

- 9. On January 15, 2012, Respondent submitted an insufficient electronic funds transfer ("EFT") to the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("Department") in the amount of \$454.25 for payment of his December 2011 Safety National Casualty Corporation report reviewal fees and okgov.com fee.
- 10. On January 31, 2012, Department staff sent Respondent a letter, via certified mail, informing him of the unpaid amount and that a \$25.00 service fee was being assessed. The letter also instructed that \$454.25 for the amount of the EFT and \$25.00 for the service fee, for a total of \$479.25, be paid to the Department by cashier's check or money order within five (5) days of receipt of the letter.
 - 11. Respondent received the letter on February 6, 2012.
- 12. Respondent did not respond to any of the letters mailed to him and did not make any effort to replace the funds owed.

Subsequent Administrative Action

- 13. Based on the above alleged violations of law, on March 27, 2012, the Department issued a *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to be Heard*, fining Respondent Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) and ordering him to replace the funds owed to the Department in the amount of One Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$1,307.26).
 - 14. Respondent received the *Conditional Order* on April 5, 2012.
- 15. The Conditional Order became final on Monday, May 7, 2012, as no hearing was requested, and the fine ordered therein became final.
 - 16. After the Order became final, Respondent was contacted on numerous occasions by

Department legal staff, both by telephone and in person, and urged to replace the funds and pay the fine due.

17. As of the date of this Order, Respondent has not replaced any of the funds owed to the Department, nor has he paid the fine levied previously by a final Order of the Commissioner.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent acted in violation of 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(27) by uttering insufficient funds to the Insurance Commissioner.
- 2. Respondent has acted in violation of 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(21) by failing to respond to a properly mailed notification within a reasonable amount of time.
- 3. Respondent acted in violation of 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(7) by failing to comply with a proper order of the Commissioner.
- 4. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(A), the Commissioner may suspend the license of any bondsman for any of the above violations.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the bail bondsman license of Eugene Phillips is SUSPENDED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall replace all funds owed to the Department as set forth above. The total amount currently owed the Department is One Thousand Three Hundred Seven Dollars and Twenty-Six Cents (\$1,307.26).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent shall pay the fine of Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) levied previously in a final Order of the Commissioner.

Respondent is further notified that he may request a hearing within 30 days of the receipt of

this Order concerning this action, and upon such request, the Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to William G. "Buddy" Combs, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. <u>Such written request shall include an explanation of</u> Respondent's actions described herein and any defenses thereto.

If, within 30 days of receipt of this Order, Respondent fails to either (1) replace the funds owed to the Department and pay the fine ordered previously or (2) request a hearing, this Order shall be a FINAL ORDER on the 31st day following the receipt of the Order, Respondent's license shall be suspended until such time as he replaces the funds owed to the Department and pays the fine previously levied in a final Order by the Commissioner.

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



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

William G. "Buddy" Combs Assistant General Counsel

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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 June, 2012, to:

Eugene Phillips P.O. Box 21801 Oklahoma City, OK 73156-1801

Jeff Eulberg Eulberg Law Offices 925 NW 6TH ST. OKC, OK 73106 Attorney for Respondent

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