# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,  Petitioner,	JUL 3 1 2012  INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  OKLAHOMA
vs.	) INOMA SOLONER
CURTIS PLETCHER, a licensed professional bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,	) ) CASE NO. 12-0692-DIS
AND	Ć
DENNIS WEEMS, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,  Respondents.	) ) )

# 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**

- John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and as such is 1. 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. Respondent Dennis Weems ("Weems") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40141640.
- 3. Respondent Curtis Pletcher ("Pletcher") is a licensed professional bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199574.

### **FINDINGS**

On or about January 6, 2012, an appearance bond was executed as follows: 1.

Defendant:

Ricardo Bongiovanni

Case Number(s):

CM-2011-5864

City/County:

Tulsa County

Surety:

Curtis Pletcher

Bondsman:

Dennis Weems 31771

Power Number(s):
Bond Amount(s):

\$10,000

2. On March 23, 2012, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued by the court on April 17, 2012, 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. Weems received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on April 18, 2012.
- 4. Pletcher received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on April 18, 2012.
- 5. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Wednesday, July 18, 2012. The Defendant was not returned to custody within 90 days, nor was the face amount of the forfeited bond deposited with the Court Clerk within 91 days of receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.
- 6. On July 17, 2012, Respondents filed for a *Stay of Execution of Bond Forfeiture*, stating that the Defendant was out of the country and unable to return due to an expired visa.
- 7. On July 18, 2012, Respondents filed a *Motion to Exonerate the Bond*, citing again Defendant's location and revoked visa status.
- 8. On July 19, 2012, the Tulsa County Court Clerk sent the Oklahoma Insurance Department notice that the bond forfeiture was not timely paid.
- 9. As of the date of this Conditional Order, the forfeited bail bond has not been paid or otherwise set aside or exonerated.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The allegations are found to be true and correct, and Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1332 by failing to return the Defendant within ninety (90) days or remit payment in the face amount of the bond forfeiture within ninety-one (91) days from receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.
- 2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), any bondsman violating a provision of the Bail Bond Act may be subject to a civil penalty ranging from \$250 to \$2,500.

### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Dennis Weems and Curtis Pletcher are <u>each</u> FINED One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant 59 O.S. § 1332 the face amount of the bond, Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00), shall be withdrawn from the deposit placed with the State of Oklahoma by Curtis Pletcher as reserve to meet sums due on forfeiture. The sums withdrawn are to be forwarded to the Tulsa County Court Clerk for payment of the bond in case number CM-2011-5864, Defendant Ricardo Bongiovanni. Such sums shall not be withdrawn from the deposit of Curtis Pletcher if the bond forfeiture is paid or otherwise set aside within 30 days of receipt of this Order.

Respondents are further notified that they 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 William G. "Buddy" Combs, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 and give an explanation of Respondents'

## actions alleged herein and any defenses thereto.

If Respondents do not request a hearing within the 30 days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following the receipt of the Order, the face amount of the bond forfeiture shall be withdrawn from Curtis Pletcher's professional deposit and forwarded to the Tulsa County Court Clerk, and the fines ordered herein shall be due.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 3187 day of July, 2012.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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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 \_\_\_3|\_\_\_ day of July, 2012, to:

Dennis Weems 1408 S. Denver Ave. Tulsa, OK 74119-3423

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Curt Pletcher P.O. Box 66 Springer, OK 73458-0066

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