## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	) ) )	AUG 2 0 2012
Petitioner,	)	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
VS.	) Case No. 12-0742-DIS	
TIFFANY CHARLES, a licensed bail	j	
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 his attorney, William G. Combs, 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. Respondent Tiffany Charles ("Respondent") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 100113610.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about May 26, 2012, Cody Hinds ("Defendant") was arrested by Oklahoma County police on charges in Oklahoma County case number CF-2012-2539. Defendant's bond was set at \$90,000.
- 2. On June 23, 2012, Loretta Moore ("Complainant"), Defendant's grandmother, paid Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$4,500) by personal check to Respondent in exchange for

Respondent's promise to write a bond on behalf of Defendant.

- 3. On July 30, 2012, after Respondent did not post a bond for Defendant, Complainant filed a complaint with the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("Department") alleging that Respondent failed to return the bond premium in spite of several demands to do so.
- 4. On August 13, 2012, Respondent submitted her response to the complaint. Respondent stated that the money had not yet been returned "because of poor business and time management" and that she was then working to return the money to Complainant.
  - 5. On August 17, 2012, Respondent returned \$4,500 to Complainant.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(4), which prohibits the "misappropriation, conversion, or unlawful withholding of monies or property belonging to insurers, insureds, or others received in the conduct of business under the license."

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Tiffany Charles is CENSURED and FINED Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order constitutes disciplinary action and may be used in any subsequent hearings by the Insurance Department. In the event other misconduct is reported to the Department, this Order may be used as evidence against Respondent to establish a pattern of behavior and for the purpose of proving additional acts of misconduct.

Respondent is 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 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 Respondent's actions described herein and any defenses thereto.

If Respondent fails to request a hearing within 30 days of receipt of this Order, this Order shall become a **FINAL ORDER** on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following receipt of the Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this  $20^{h}$  day of August, 2012.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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