## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.	)	FILED
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, Petitioner,	)	DEC 1 4 2012
VS.	)	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
JAMES PEARCE, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,	)	OND IT ONLY
AND	)	CASE NO. 12-1084-DIS
ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY, an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the State of Oklahoma,  Respondents.	)	
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# 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 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 James Pearce ("Pearce") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40023067.
- Respondent Allegheny Casualty Company ("ACC") is an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the State of Oklahoma holding NAIC number 13285.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about June 30, 2012, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Lorisha Ballard

Case Number(s):

CF-2012-2703

City/County:

Tulsa County

Surety:

Allegheny Casualty Company

Bondsman:

James Pearce

Power Number(s):

AS3K-185713

Bond Amount(s):

\$2500

2. On July 30, 2012, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was orally declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was filed by the court on August 2, 2012. 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 Order's filing.

- 3. Pearce received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on August 21, 2012.
- 4. ACC received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on August 7, 2012.
- 5. The ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Monday, November 19, 2012.
- 6. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Tuesday, November 20, 2012.
  - 7. ACC paid the forfeiture on November 21, 2012.
- 8. 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, after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents.

#### **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 or company violating a provision of the Bail Bond Act, 59 O.S. §§ 1301-1340, may be subject to a fine of not less than \$250 but not more than \$2,500.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Allegheny Casualty Company and James Pearce are each CENSURED and FINED Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

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, and the fines ordered herein shall be due.

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

COMMISSIONER ENGINEER ENGINEER

JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

William G. "Burdy" Combs Assistant General Counsel 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112

Tel. (405) 521-2746 Fax (405) 522-0125

### **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 December, 2012, to:

James Pearce 7012 E 58<sup>th</sup> PL Tulsa, OK 74145-8203

Allegheny Casualty Company ATTN: Bail Bond Division 1 Newark Center, FL 20 Newark, NJ 07102

William G. "Buddy," Combs

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