# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK,	FILED
Insurance Commissioner,	DEC 2 7 2012
Petitioner, vs.	) INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
JAMES REGINAL WILLIS, a licensed bail	) Case No. 12-1094-DIS
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, 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. James Reginal Willis ("Respondent") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 81966.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On December 11, 2012, Respondent submitted to the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("Department") an appointment form to write bonds on behalf of professional bail bondsman Curt Pletcher.
- 2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1317(C), Respondent filed with the appointment form an affidavit, wherein he stated that "no forfeitures are owed to any court, no fines are owed to the

Insurance Department, no premiums or indemnification for forfeitures or fines are owed to any insurer, and liabilities incurred under prior surety appointments are monitored by the bondsman." The affidavit was sworn under oath and under penalty of perjury before a Notary Public on December 10, 2012.

- 3. At the time Respondent signed and submitted the affidavit, he owed to the Insurance Department two \$250 fines imposed in Department files 12-0352-DIS (Order and Court Minute attached as Exhibit A) and 12-0883-DIS (Order attached as Exhibit B).
- 4. Based on the fines owed by Respondent at the time he signed and submitted the affidavit, the affidavit was false.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent filed a false affidavit in violation of 59 O.S. § 1317(C), which mandates that "[p]rior to the issuance of a new surety appointment for a surety bondsman or managing general agent, the bondsman or agent shall file an affidavit with the Commissioner stating that no forfeitures are owed to any court, no fines are owed to the insurance department, and no premiums or indemnification for forfeitures or fines are owed to an insurer."
- 2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), "any person violating any provision of Sections 1301 through 1340 of this title may be subject to a civil penalty of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for each occurrence."

## **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that James Reginal Willis is hereby CENSURED and FINED Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

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 Oklahoma Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to Buddy Combs, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, and **provide 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 31<sup>st</sup> day following the receipt of the Order, and the fine ordered herein shall be due.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 27 day of December, 2012.

JOHN D. DOAK
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

William C. "Buddy" 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, William G. Combs, 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 via certified mail with return receipt requested on this day of December, 2012, to:

James Reginal Willis 1442 Windsor Dr. Ardmore, OK 73401-3749

William O. "Buddy" Comb

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#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- On March 15, 2012, Respondent submitted an insufficient electronic funds transfer ("EFT") to the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("Department") in the amount of \$311.41.
- 2. On March 28, 2012, Department staff sent Respondent a letter, via email and certified mail, informing him of the unpaid amount and that a \$25.00 service fee was being assessed on the insufficient EFT. The letter also instructed that \$336.41 be paid to the Department by cashier's check



or money order within five (5) days of receipt of the letter.

- 3. Respondent received the letter on April 3, 2012.
- 4. On April 11, 2012, Respondent replaced the insufficient funds with cashier's check number 187099.
  - 5. Respondent has a history of submitting insufficient funds to the Department.

#### CONCLUSION OF LAW

- 1. Respondent acted in violation of 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(27) by uttering insufficient funds to the Insurance Commissioner.
- 2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), any bondsman violating the Bail Bond Act may be subject to a civil penalty ranging from \$250 to \$2,500.

## **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that James R. Willis is fined Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

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 Michael P. Copeland, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 and state the basis for requesting the hearing. Such written request 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 be a FINAL ORDER on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following the receipt of the Order and the fine ordered

# herein shall be due.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 23 day of April, 2012.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Michael P. Copeland

Assistant General Counsel 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112

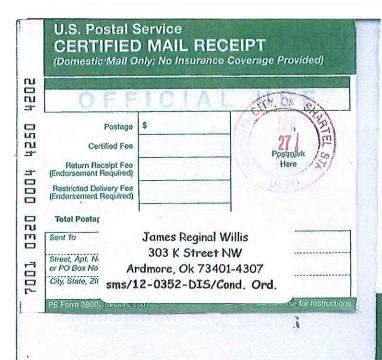
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# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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 271 day of April, 2012, to:

James Reginal Willis 303 K Street NW Ardmore, OK 73401-4307

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Legal Assistant

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On April 27, 2012, a Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to Hearing was issued in the above referenced matter to Mr. James Willis. The pleading was mailed certified mail on the same day. On May 10, 2012, the certified mailing was returned to the Oklahoma Insurance Department marked "Return to Sender, Not Deliverable as Address, Unable to Forward." AGC Combs contacted Mr. Willis. He was informed of a new address.

On May 10, 2012, the pleading was mailed to Mr. Willis at the following addresses of record:

James Reginal Willis 1442 Windsor Dr. Ardmore, Oklahoma 73401-3749

The pleading was mailed certified mail, number.7001 0320 004 4250 2437.

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- James Reginal Willis ("Respondent") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 81966.

# FINDINGS OF FACT

- On July 24, 2012, Respondent submitted to the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("Department") his amended June 2012 Lexington National Insurance Corporation report.
- 2. With this report, Respondent submitted an Electronic Funds Transfer ("EFT") of \$6.00. The Oklahoma State Treasurer charged the EFT back to the Department as "Insufficient Funds."



- 3. On September 12, 2012, Department staff sent Respondent an email and a letter, via certified mail, requesting that the funds be replaced and a service fee of \$25.00 be paid within five days of receipt of the letter. Respondent signed for the certified letter on September 14, 2012.
- 4. As of the date of this Order, Respondent has not replaced the funds or responded to the Department.

# CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(27) by uttering insufficient funds to the Commissioner.
- 2. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(21) by failing to respond to a properly mailed notification within a reasonable amount of time.

## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that James Reginal Willis is CENSURED and FINED Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that James Reginal Willis shall replace the insufficient EFT and pay the service fee owed. The total amount owed to the Department, independent of the fine ordered above, is Thirty-One Dollars (\$31.00).

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 Oklahoma Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to 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 either (1) replace the EFT and pay the service fee owed <u>OR</u> (2) 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, Respondent's license shall be **SUSPENDED**, and the fine ordered herein shall be due.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this Hand and October, 2012.

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JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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

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

# **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 October, 2012, to:

Reggie Willis 1442 Windsor Dr. Ardmore, OK 73401-3749

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