## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.	) MAD 0.0
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	) MAR 0.8 2013
Petitioner,	INSURANCE COMMISSION
vs.	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
VANESSA WILSON, a licensed bail bondsman in	1 )
the State of Oklahoma,	) CASE NO. 13-0192-DIS
AND	)
RAYMOND MERRILL, a licensed professional	)
bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,	)
Respondents.	)

# 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,
   O.S. §§ 101-7301, and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Respondent Vanessa Wilson ("Wilson") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40147408.
- Respondent Raymond Merrill ("Merrill") is a licensed professional bail bondsman in the
   State of Oklahoma holding license number 199369.

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about September 29, 2012, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Katrice Lashaun Ratliff

Case Number(s):

7108592

City/County:

Tulsa Municipal

Surety:

Raymond Merrill

Bondsman:

Vanessa Wilson

Power Number(s):

10-9578

Bond Amount(s):

\$150

- 2. On October 29, 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 November 12, 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. The mailing of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture to Wilson was returned "Unclaimed."
  - 4. Merrill received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on November 20, 2012.
- 5. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Tuesday, February 19, 2013.
- 6. 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.
- 7. As of the date of this Order, the bond forfeiture has not been paid or otherwise set aside or the bond 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.

### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Vanessa Wilson and Raymond Merrill are each CENSURED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant 59 O.S. § 1332 the face amount of the bond,

One Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$150.00), shall be withdrawn from the deposit placed with the State of Oklahoma by Raymond Merrill as reserve to meet sums due on forfeiture. The sums withdrawn are to be forwarded to the Tulsa Municipal Court Clerk for payment of the bond in case number 7108592, Defendant Katrice Lashaun Ratliff. Such sums shall not be withdrawn from the deposit of Raymond Merrill if the bond forfeiture is paid or 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 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.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this

day of March, 2013.

JOHN D. DOAK
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Buddy Combs

Assistant General Counsel

3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112

Tel. (405) 521-2746

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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 March, 2013, to:

Vanessa Wilson 6136 W 11<sup>th</sup> Street Tulsa, OK 74127-7330

Raymond Merrill 104 N Oak Street Sallisaw, OK 74955-4638

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