BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, Petitioner, vs. JAMES MANUEL, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma, AND

RAYMOND MERRILL, a licensed professional

CASE NO. 13-0371-DIS

bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,) Respondents.)

<u>CONDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER</u> 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

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 James Manuel ("Manuel") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of

Oklahoma holding license number 200341.

3. 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 August 16, 2012, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant: Case Number(s): City/County: Surety: Michael Wade Wigington CF-2007-486 Payne County Raymond Merrill FILED

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Bondsman: Power Number(s): Bond Amount(s): James Manuel 5-24819 \$5,000

2. On December 14, 2012, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was orally declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was filed by the court the same day. 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. Manuel received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on December 17, 2012.

4. Merrill received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on December 21, 2012.

5. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Monday, March 18, 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 James Manuel and Raymond Merrill are <u>each</u> CENSURED and FINED Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant 59 O.S. § 1332 the face amount of the bond, Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), 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 Payne County Court Clerk for payment of the bond in case number CF-07-486, Defendant Michael Wade Wigington. Such sums <u>shall not</u> 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 56th Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, and <u>give an explanation of Respondents' actions alleged herein and any defenses thereto.</u>

If Respondents do not request a hearing within the 30 days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the 31st day following the receipt of the Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this <u>10</u>th day of April, 2013.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Buddy Combs Assistant General Counsel 3625 NW 56th 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 $10^{\frac{10}{2}}$ day of April, 2013, to:

James Manuel 1209 S. Main St. Stillwater, OK 74074-5846

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

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