

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OKLAHOMA

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

Case No. 13-0565-DIS

**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 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 Connie Manuel ("Respondent") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State  
of Oklahoma holding license number 199425.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On April 17, 2013, Respondent executed an appearance bond to secure the release of  
Defendant Diana Wade ("Wade") in Noble County case CPC-2013-56 (later filed as CF-2013-43).  
The bond was written by power of attorney on behalf of professional bail bondsman Raymond  
Merrill.

2. As payment for the bond, Respondent collected Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)  
as premium from Wade.

3. Respondent charged Wade Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) as “travel expenses.”
4. As collateral for the bond, Respondent took physical possession of a truck and its title belonging to Wade.
5. The Affidavit as to Undertaking filed with the appearance bond indicates \$250 premium charged and no collateral is listed.
6. Respondent returned Wade to custody on April 22, 2013, at which time she returned the truck and title to Wade.
7. Respondent charged Wade an additional \$45 in “storage fees” for storing the truck.
8. An undated collateral agreement signed by Respondent and Wade does not facially indicate that the collateral was taken in the name of the professional bondsman for whom Respondent wrote the bond.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1314(A) by receiving collateral and holding collateral in her own name and not in the name of professional bail bondsman Raymond Merrill.
2. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1314(A) and § 1322 by failing to list the collateral received on the Affidavit as to Undertaking filed with the appearance bond.
3. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(19) by accepting something of value from a principal other than premium or collateral.

#### ORDER

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent CONNIE MANUEL is CENSURED and FINED Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).**

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 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 described herein and any defenses thereto.**

If either 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 the receipt of the Order. The fine ordered herein shall be due within 30 days after the date this Order becomes Final Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013.



JOHN D. DOAK  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

  
Buddy Combs  
Assistant General Counsel  
3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100  
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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 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2013, to:

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

  
Buddy Combs



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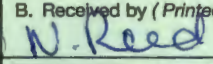
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