BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.) 0.0 2012	
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	JUL 03 2013	
Petitioner,	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER	
VS.) INSURANCE COMMINGUISM	
RYANNE HOFFMAN, a licensed bail bondsman) CASE NO. 13-0617-DIS	
in the State of Oklahoma,	}	
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

- 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.
- Respondent Ryanne Hoffman ("Hoffman") is a licensed bail bondsman in the
 State of Oklahoma holding license number 40088144.
- 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 May 23, 2012, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Rocky Lee Watts

Case Number(s):

5665780

City/County:

Tulsa Municipal

Surety:

Raymond Merrill

Bondsman:

Ryanne Hoffman

Power Number(s):

5-23831

Bond Amount(s):

\$600

2. On September 13, 2012, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was declared forfeited. On September 26, 2013, an Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case. 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. According to www.usps.com, notice of the certified mailing was left for Hoffman on October 4, 2012, but the mailing was not delivered.
- Merrill received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on October 3,
 2012.
- The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Wednesday, January 2, 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.

2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), any bondsman 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 Ryanne Hoffman and Raymond Merrill are <u>each</u> CENSURED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant 59 O.S. § 1332 the face amount of the bond, Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00), 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 5665780, Defendant Rocky Lee Watts. 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 56th 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 31st day following the receipt of the Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this day of July, 2013.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Buddy Combs

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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 July, 2013, to:

Ryanne Hoffman 44 E 16th St. South Tulsa, OK 74119-4432

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

Buddy Combs



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