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.	AUG 1 6 2013 INSURANCE COMMISSIONER CASE NO. 13-0743-DIS
DENNIS WHARTON, a licensed professional bail)
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 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, 36 O.S. §§ 101-7301, and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Respondent Dennis Wharton ("Respondent") is a licensed professional bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 200242.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about February 12, 2013, four appearance bonds were executed as follows:

Defendant:

Carliss Ann Ward

Case Number(s):

7159211; 5941018; 5889542; 5889543

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City/County:

Tulsa Municipal

Surety:

Dennis Wharton

Bondsman:

Dennis Wharton

Power Number(s):

N/A

Bond Amount(s):

\$20; \$300; \$150; \$200 (Total = \$670)

2. On March 27, 2013, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bonds were declared

forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued by the court for each forfeiture and filed in each case on April 4, 2013. A true and correct copy of each Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the forfeiture's filing.

- Respondent received a copy of each Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on April 11,
 2013.
- 4. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondent was Thursday, July 11, 2013. The Defendant was not returned to custody within 90 days, nor was the face amount of the forfeited bonds deposited with the Court Clerk within 91 days of receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.
- 5. As of the date of this Conditional Order, the forfeited bail bonds have not been paid or otherwise set aside or exonerated.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The allegations are found to be true and correct, and Respondent has 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 Dennis Wharton is CENSURED and FINED Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that pursuant 59 O.S. § 1332 the face amount of the bonds, Six Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$670.00), shall be withdrawn from the deposit placed with the State of Oklahoma by Dennis Wharton 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 bonds in case numbers 7159211, 5941018, 5889542, and 5889543, Defendant Carliss Ann Ward. Such sums shall not be withdrawn from the deposit of Dennis Wharton if the bond forfeitures are paid or otherwise set aside and the bonds exonerated within 30 days of receipt of this Order.

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 56th Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 and give an explanation of Respondent's actions alleged 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 31st day following the receipt of the Order, the face amount of the bond forfeitures shall be withdrawn from Dennis Wharton's professional deposit and forwarded to the Tulsa Municipal Court Clerk.

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

COMMUNICATION OF OR STREET

JOHN D. DOAK

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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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 via certified mail, return receipt requested, on this ______ day of August, 2013, to:

Dennis Wharton P.O. Box 1555 Tulsa, OK 74101-1555

Buddy Combs

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