

**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,)
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Petitioner,)
vs.)
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)
JAMES VICTOR LAWSON, a licensed bail)
bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)
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Respondent.)

Case No. 14-0584-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, Dan R. Byrd, 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. James Victor Lawson (“Respondent”) is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199944.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On January 29, 2013, Rick Koch, Investigator, for the Anti-Fraud Unit of the Oklahoma Insurance Department (the “Department”) received a complaint from Travis Saulsberry, an Investigator for the LeFlore County District Attorney’s Office, regarding an investigation he was conducting regarding Respondent.

2. In April of 2014, Mr. Saulsberry referred Mr. Koch to Detective Sergeant Mark

Kannady of the Poteau Police Department regarding an active criminal investigation Mr. Kannady was conducting of Respondent. The investigation concerned an employee of Respondent named Scenda Frederick delivering pre-signed bonds to the LeFlore County Detention Center in January and February of 2013 and securing defendants' releases from custody without Respondent being present as required under 59 O.S. § 1316(A)(2).

3. Sergeant Kannady agreed to send Mr. Koch a copy of his case file as well as a video copy of his interview with Respondent's employee, Scenda Frederick.

4. On April 7, 2014, Mr. Koch received Sergeant Kannady's report along with the video copy of his interview with Respondent's employee, Scenda Frederick and copies of appearance bonds for twelve (12) defendants that Scenda Frederick admitted were pre-signed by Respondent that she took to the LeFlore County Jail at Respondent's instruction and direction.

5. Scenda Frederick admitted in her interview with Sergeant Kannady to taking Respondent's pre-signed appearance bonds and presenting them at the LeFlore County Jail at Respondent's instruction and direction, filling out the appearance bonds and power of attorneys less the signature of Respondent in the presence of the defendants without Respondent being present on the following occasions listed below:

6. January 1, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CM-12-26, Defendant Edward M. Collins, Bond No: 3414, Bond Amount: \$315.00. See appearance bond for Defendant Edward M. Collins dated January 1, 2013.

7. January 2, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CM-13-53, Defendant Joshua Walker, Bond No: 3415, Bond Amount: \$1000.00.

8. January 7, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CM-13-36, Defendant Kelly

Faye Bell, Bond No: 0192, Bond Amount: \$500.00.

9. January 9, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CF-11-33, Defendant Christian D. Hopkins, Bond No: 0194, Bond Amount: \$2500.00.

10. January 15, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CM-00-749, Defendant Susan Pinkston, Bond No: 0252, Bond Amount: \$1000.00.

11. January 17, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CF-13-27A, Defendant Justina Samuel, Bond No: 0253, Bond Amount: \$5000.00.

12. January 22, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CF-13-16A, Defendant Bradley Steelman, Bond No: 0255, Bond Amount: \$20000.00.

13. January 22, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CM-13-50, Defendant Bradley Steelman, Bond No: 0256, Bond Amount: \$2000.00.

14. January 25, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CF-13-9, Defendant Jennifer Black, Bond No: 0259, Bond Amount: \$4000.00.

15. January 28, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CM-13-98, Defendant Michael Lonewolf, Bond No: 0261, Bond Amount: \$2000.00.

16. January 31, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: 3430, Defendant Leslie Dean, Bond No: 3430, Bond Amount: \$3000.00.

17. February 25, 2013, LeFlore County District Court Case No: CM-13-154, Defendant Anthony Jandayan, Bond No: 3456, Bond Amount: \$500.00.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The allegations are found to be true and correct and Respondent has violated 59 O.S. §§ 1310(A)(2) and 1316(A)(2) by instructing and directing his employee, Scenda Frederick to take

Respondent's pre-signed appearance bonds and present them at the LeFlore County Jail, fill out the appearance bonds and power of attorneys less the signature of Respondent in the presence of twelve (12) defendants without Respondent being present.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that James Victor Lawson is hereby CENSURED and FINED Five Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$500.00).

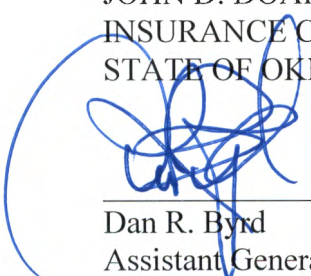
Respondent is further notified that he may request a hearing within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this Order concerning this action, and upon such request, the Oklahoma Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to Dan R. Byrd, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, and **provide an explanation of Respondent's actions described herein and any defenses thereto.**

If Respondent does not request a hearing within the thirty (30) days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the thirty-first (31st) day following the receipt of the Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 15th day of August, 2014.



JOHN D. DOAK
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA



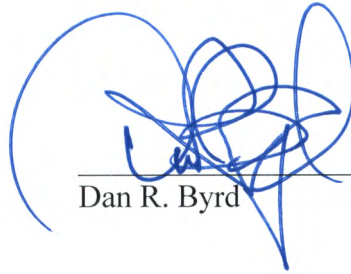
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Buddy Combs, 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 with return receipt requested on this 15th day of August, 2014, to:

James Victor Lawson
AAA Lawson Bail Bonds, LLC
100 N. Broadway St.
Poteau, OK 74953-3346

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Dan R. Byrd

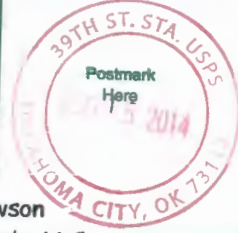
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Restricted Delivery Fee (Endorsement Required)	
Total Postage	



James Victor Lawson
AAA Lawson Bail Bonds, LLC
 100 N. Broadway St.
 Poteau, OK 74953-3346
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 Street, Apt. N
 or PO Box No.
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PS Form 3800, August 2006 See Reverse for Instructions

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION

- Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired.
- Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you.
- Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits.

1. Article Addressed to:

James Victor Lawson
AAA Lawson Bail Bonds, LLC
 100 N. Broadway St.
 Poteau, OK 74953-3346
sms/14-0584-DIS/Cond Ord

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY

A. Signature Agent Addressee
 X *Carly Cardill*

B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Delivery
Carly Cardill 8/22/14

D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes No
 If Yes, center delivery address below:

RECEIVED
 OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
 AUG 26 2014

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3. Service Type
 Certified Mail Express Mail
 Registered Return Receipt for Merchandise
 Insured Mail C.O.D.

4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) Yes

2. Article Number (Transfer from service label) 7014 0150 0001 9588 1732