## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	)	OKLAHOMA SIONE
Petitioner,	)	
vs. STEVEN SNYDER, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,	) ) )	
AND	) CASE NO. 15-0017-DIS	
AMERICAN CONTRACTORS INDEMNITY COMPANY, an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the State of Oklahoma, Respondents.	) ) ) )	

# 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 Steven Snyder ("Snyder") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199984.
- 3. Respondent American Contractors Indemnity Company ("ACIC") is an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the State of Oklahoma holding NAIC number 10216.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about June 12, 2014, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Kelly Elizabeth Christian

Case Number(s):

CF-2013-8537

City/County:

Oklahoma County Court Clerk

Insurer:

American Contractors Indemnity Company

Bondsman:

Steven Snyder A5-2225501

Power Number(s): Bond Amount(s):

\$4000

- 2. On August 27, 2014, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was orally declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was filed by the court on September 15, 2014. 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.
- Snyder's copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was received on September 16,
   2014.
- 4. ACIC's copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was received on September 18, 2014.
- 5. The ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Monday, December 15, 2014.
- 6. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Tuesday, December 16, 2014.
- 7. As of the date of this Order, the bond forfeiture has not been paid or otherwise set aside or the bond exonerated.
- 8. 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.
  - 9. The bond was reported.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The allegations are found to be true and correct, and Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1332(D) 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 or company 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 Steven Snyder and American Contractors Indemnity Company are <u>each</u> CENSURED and FINED Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the face amount of the bond forfeiture shall be deposited with the Oklahoma County Court Clerk (or the bond forfeiture otherwise set aside or the bond exonerated) within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Failure to do so shall result in the CANCELLATION of American Contractors Indemnity Company's license privilege and authorization to do business within the State of Oklahoma and CANCELLATION of the surety appointment of all surety bondsman agents of American Contractors Indemnity Company.

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 Dan R. Byrd, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> day following the receipt of the Order, and the fines ordered herein shall be due.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 16 day of January, 2015.

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JOHN D. DOAK
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Dan R. Byrd Assistant General Counsel 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112 Tel. (405) 522-6330 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 \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of January, 2015, to:

Steven Snyder 809 N. Classen Blvd. Oklahoma City, OK 73106 CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7014 2870 0000 5493 3009

American Contractors Indemnity Company 601 South Figueroa Street, Suite 1600

Los Angeles, CA 90017-5721

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