## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.	rileu
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	MAY 2 2 2015
Petitioner, vs.	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
<b>v</b> 5.	)
JOHN KEEFE, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,	) CASE NO. 15-0580-DIS
AND	
AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY, a licensed 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 John Keefe ("Keefe") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 100175523.
- 3. Respondent American Surety Company ("ASC") is a licensed surety in the State of Oklahoma holding certificate of authority number 0145.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about December 4, 2014, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant: Krystal Ann Leonard

Case Number(s): 14217042X

City/County: Oklahoma City Municipal Surety: American Surety Company

Bondsman: John Keefe
Power Number(s): AS5-1012766
Bond Amount(s): \$1,200.00

- 2. On January 7, 2015, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case on the same day by the Oklahoma City Municipal Court. 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. Keefe received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on January 14, 2015.
  - 4. ASC received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on January 16, 2015.
- 5. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was April 15, 2015.
- 6. As of the date of the filing of this Conditional Administrative Order, the forfeiture has not been paid nor has the defendant been timely returned to custody.

### **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 forfeitures 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 per violation.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that John Keefe and American Surety Company are each FINED Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). If the fines are not paid within thirty (30) days from receipt of this Conditional Administrative Order, Respondents' licenses will be suspended and will remain suspended until the fines are paid.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents are to pay the forfeiture in Oklahoma City Municipal Court Case Numbers 14217042X, City of Oklahoma City v. Krystal Ann Leonard. If the forfeiture is not paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Conditional Administrative Order, pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1332(D), the Oklahoma Insurance Department is ordered to cancel the license privilege and authorization of ASC to do business within the State of Oklahoma and cancel the appointments of all surety bondsman agents who are authorized to write bail under ASC.

Respondents are further notified that they may request a hearing within 30 days of the receipt of this Conditional Administrative 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 Kelley Callahan, Senior Attorney, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112, and give a explanation of Respondents' actions alleged herein and any defenses thereto.

If Respondents do not request a hearing within the 30 days allotted, this Conditional Administrative Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the 31st day following Respondents' receipt of the Order.

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

JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Senior Attorney 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112

Tel. (405) 521-2746 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 May 2015, to:

John Keefe 21985 Homesteaders Road Edmond, Oklahoma 73012 Certified Mail No. 7014 2870 0000 1931 8605

American Surety Company 250 E. 96<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 202 Indianapolis, IN 46240

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