## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.	)
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	)
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Petitioner,	)
V.	)
	)
BRIAN KELLY BERRY, an Applicant	)
for a Resident Insurance Producer License	)
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Respondent.

# **ORDER OF LICENSE PROBATION**

**COMES NOW** the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, by and through his undersigned counsel and alleges and states as follows:

# **JURISDICTION**

1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma ("the Insurance Commissioner") and is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq.

2. Brian Kelly Berry ("Respondent") is an applicant for a resident insurance producer license in the State of Oklahoma. His address of record is 4300 Rimridge Road, Edmond, Oklahoma 73025.

3. The Insurance Commissioner may place on probation, censure, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act and/or may levy a fine up to \$1,000 for each occurrence of a violation of the Oklahoma Insurance Code. See 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A) and (D).

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### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about May 1, 2015, Respondent applied for a resident insurance producer license with the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("the Department").

2. Question 1(A) in the license application form asks the following in pertinent part: "Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with a misdemeanor?" Respondent answered the question "yes".

3. If the question is answered "yes" the applicant must provide a written statement explaining the circumstances of the incident; a copy of the charging document; and a copy of the official document demonstrating resolution of the charges or any final judgment.

4. Respondent complied with these requirements and provided information to the Department via a letter from himself, a letter from his local attorney and various copies of court-related documents from the General Sessions Court, Lexington County, South Carolina. The Respondent states in 2001 he worked as a house builder in this area of South Carolina.

5. Based on the court document copies submitted, a group of arrest warrants for Respondent were issued out of the General Sessions Court of Lexington County, South Carolina based on and centered on the same alleged acts and omissions of Respondent in 2001. The charges were for "unlawful practice of regulated profession," "failure to pay contractors," "obtaining signature or property by false pretenses," and "failure to pay laborers and others." It appears from the copies of documents submitted that "Indictments" for some or all of these charges were issued at random times in 2003 and 2011. It appears from the statements of Respondent and his local attorney these charges have never dismissed, but the South Carolina authorities have not tried, prosecuted or otherwise addressed and disposed of them, for reasons unknown. This leaves Respondent in a state of limbo as to these charges.

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6. These charges were filed based on events occurring fourteen years ago, have never been disposed of or prosecuted to closer, and the preponderance of the evidence indicates it is doubtful there will ever be a disposition of the matters. However, Respondent remains currently charged with crimes of record in South Carolina that, if convicted, might place Respondent under 18 U. S. C. A. §§ 1033 and 1034 and, if not, would certainly make granting him an Oklahoma resident producers license more problematic.

7. Respondent and his Oklahoma counsel provided written statements concerning the matter. The Respondent has disclosed everything the Department has asked of him.

8. Pursuant to 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A)(8), the Insurance Commissioner may revoke an insurance producer licensee for using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent complied with the Oklahoma Insurance Code requirements by disclosing the prior criminal charges filed, but not prosecuted against him in South Carolina.

 The Insurance Commissioner may place a licensee on probation for a violation of 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A) as an intermediate course.

### **ORDER**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** by the Insurance Commissioner that Respondent is granted a resident Oklahoma insurance producer license on a probationary status for a period of two (2) years. At the time of Respondent's first renewal of his producer license, his probationary status must and shall be reviewed by the Insurance Commissioner and the probationary status may be removed at that time. When that time comes, the Respondent should contact the Producer Licensing Division of the Oklahoma Insurance Department.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED** by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order shall be reported as an administrative action.

If Respondent commits a violation of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, his license may

thereafter be **REVOKED**.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this <u>I</u> day of June, 2015.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Kelley C Callahan Senior Attorney Oklahoma Insurance Department 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, OK 73112

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICEE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Order of License Probation* was mailed via certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, and via regular U.S. mail, on this <u>17</u> day of June, 2015 to:

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Jeffrey D. Nachimson, Jeffrey D. Nachimson, PLLC 830 N.W. 10th Oklahoma City, OK 73106 Attorney for Respondent Certified Mail No. 7015 0640 0004 4933 7609

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