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# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.	)	
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	)	
	)	
Petitioner,	)	
VS.	)	
	)	
MONICA GADDIS, a licensed bail bondsman in	)	
the State of Oklahoma,	) CASE NO. 15-0587-DIS	
	)	
AND	)	
	)	
CRUM & FORSTER INDEMNITY COMPANY,	)	
a licensed surety in the State of Oklahoma,	)	
	)	
Respondents.	)	

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

On August 11, 2015, the above captioned case came on for hearing at the Oklahoma

Insurance Department, 3625 N.W. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 and was concluded on the same day. The Insurance Commissioner appointed the undersigned independent hearing examiner to preside at the hearing as a quasi-judicial officer. The hearing was recorded electronically by employees of the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Petitioner was represented by Assistant General Counsel Matt McKinnon. Respondent Crum & Forster Indemnity Company failed to appear, but had counsel, Jeff Hatfield, present on its behalf. Respondent Monica Gaddis appeared in person and with counsel, Jeff Hatfield. Exhibits were received and arguments heard. The hearing examiner finds as follows:

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The Insurance Commissioner has full power and authority to administer the provisions of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code, 59 O.S. §§1301-1340. Respondent Monica Gaddis

("Gaddis") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199275.

Respondent Crum & Forster Indemnity Company ("C&FIC") is a licensed surety in the State of Oklahoma holding certificate of authority number 2251.

2. On or about September 2, 2014, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant: Tyree Tu Cole Felder
Case Number(s): CM-2014-2499
City/County: Oklahoma County

Surety: Crum & Forster Indemnity Company

Bondsman: Monica Gaddis
Power Number(s): C5-70144051
Bond Amount(s): \$4,000.00

3. On January 26, 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 County District 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.

- Gaddis received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on February 11,
   2015.
- C&FIC received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on February 11,
   2015.
- 6. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was May 13, 2015.
  - 7. The forfeiture was untimely paid on June 19, 2015.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1302. The proceedings were commenced and conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act 75 O.S. §§ 250-323, and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code 59 O.S. §§ 1301-1340. Respondents were afforded an opportunity for hearing after reasonable notice, sufficiently advised of the allegations, the statutes and rules involved, and the time and place of hearing.
- 2. That testimony, evidence and the Stipulation of Facts, presented find that 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.

### **ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that Respondent Crum & Forster Indemnity Company is fined in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). Respondent Monica Gaddis is fined in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). Further, Respondent Crum & Forster Indemnity Company is assessed costs in the amount of Sixty-two and 75/100 Dollars (\$62.75) and Respondent Monica Gaddis is assessed costs in the amount of Sixty-two and 75/100 Dollars (\$62.75). The fine and costs are to be paid within ten (10) days of the issuance date of this Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this May of Avent 2015.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Stephan S. Mathis Hearing Examiner

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Administrative Order was mailed postage prepaid with return receipt requested on this Alst day of August \_\_\_\_\_, 2015, to:

Jeff Hatfield

217 N. Harvey, Suite 210

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73102

Attorney for Respondents

Certified Mail No.

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and a copy was sent to:

Oklahoma County District Court

Anna Denman, Manager Oklahoma Insurance Department Bail Bond Division

Carol Ryan, Supervisor Oklahoma Insurance Department Bail Bond Division

Matt McKinnon



