BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.) DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,) Petitioner,) vs.) Case No. 15-0648-DIS MICHAEL SHELTON, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,) Respondent.)

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. Michael Shelton ("Respondent") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 100113634.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Every bail bondsman license expires biennially at 12:00 midnight on the last day of the bondsman's birth month. 59 O.S. § 1304.
- 2. Every bondsman is required to renew his or her license biennially by submitting a completed renewal application by the end of his or her birth month. 59 O.S. § 1309.
 - 3. Approximately forty-five days prior to the expiration of a bondsman's license,

Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID") staff sends an email to the bondsman advising of the license expiration date.

- 4. Respondent's birth month is February. Accordingly, his license expired at midnight, February 28, 2015.
 - 5. On June 19, 2015, Respondent untimely renewed his license.
- 6. OID personnel conducts audits of late renewals to determine if bondsmen execute any bonds during periods they were not licensed. Investigation of bonds executed in the county and municipality in which Respondent operates revealed that, during the unlicensed period, Respondent executed an appearance bond in Oklahoma County Case No. CM-2008-4462 using Crum & Forster Indemnity Company power of attorney number C5-70100224 in the amount of \$2,000.00. On March 9, 2015, the Defendant, Felicia Dannette Nero, failed to appear and the bond was forfeited. On May 11, 2015, Respondent signed a document titled "Motion and Order Setting Aside/Vacating Bond Forfeiture, Recalling Alias Warrant, Reinstating Bond and Resetting Cause on Docket" even though Respondent was not licensed at the time. Respondent's reinstating the appearance bond without a valid Oklahoma bail bond license was improper.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The allegations are found to be true and correct and Respondent has violated 59 O.S. §§ 1303(A), 1304, 1309(A), 1320(A), and Oklahoma Administrative Code 365:25-5-35(d) by executing bail bonds and acting as a bail bondsman in Oklahoma without a valid Oklahoma bail bond license.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Michael Shelton is hereby CENSURED and

FINED Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00).

Respondent is further notified that he 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, 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 30 days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the $31^{\rm st}$ day following the receipt of the Order.

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

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JOHN D. DOAK
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Dan R. Byrd

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