# AUG 26 2015 INSURANCE COMMISSIONER BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, Petitioner, RYANNE HAMILTON, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma, CASE NO. 15-0688-DIS

### CONSENT ORDER

Respondents.

VS.

AND

RAYMOND MERRILL, a professional bail bondsman licensed in the State of Oklahoma,

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, by and through Counsel, Dan R. Byrd, and Ryanne Hamilton and Raymond Merrill ("Respondents") and enter into this Consent Order.

#### 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 Bail Bond Code, 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Respondent Ryanne Hamilton ("Hamilton") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40088144.
- 5. Respondent Raymond Merrill ("Merrill") is a licensed professional bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199369.
- 3. Respondents have been apprised of their rights including the right to a public hearing and have knowingly and freely waived said rights and entered into this Consent Order as a voluntary settlement of the issues and questions raised in the above captioned case.

#### STIPULATIONS OF FACT

1. On or about January 4, 2015, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Brandon Lee Criswell

Case Number(s):

TR-2014-14916

City/County:

Tulsa County Court Clerk

Surety:

Raymond Merrill

Bondsman:

Ryanne Hamilton

Power Number(s):

MB5-5281

Bond Amount(s):

\$326

- 2. On February 5, 2015, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was orally declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was filed by the court on February 12, 2015. 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. Hamilton received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on February 18, 2015.
- 4. Merrill received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on February 18, 2015.
- 5. The ninetieth (90<sup>th</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Tuesday, May 19, 2015.
- 6. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Wednesday, May 20, 2015.
  - 7. The bond forfeiture was paid late on May 21, 2015.
- 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. 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 forfeiture within ninety-one (91) days from receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.
- 2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), "any person violating any provision of Sections 1301 through 1340 of this title may be subject to a civil penalty of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for each occurrence."

#### **ORDER AND CONSENT**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Insurance Commissioner and CONSENTED to by Ryanne Hamilton and Raymond Merrill that they each be fined in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the above described violations of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code due and payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department within thirty (30) days after the date of this Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 25th day of July, 2015.

JOHN D. DOAK

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

JAMES MILLS

CHIEF OF STAFF

DAN R. BYRD

Assistant General Counsel

RYANNE HAMILTON

Respondent

RAYMOND MERRILI

Respondent

# APPROVED:

DAN R. BYRD Assistant General Counsel

RYANNE HAMILTON

Respondent

RAYMOND MERRILL

Respondent

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I, Dan R. Byrd, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Administrative Order was mailed via certified mail with return receipt requested, and via regular mail, on this day of July, 2015, to:

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CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7015 0640 0004 4933 3960

Ryanne Hamilton 44 E. 16<sup>th</sup> South Tulsa, OK 74119-4432

Raymond Merrill 104 N. Oak St. Sallisaw, OK 74955-4638 CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7015 0640 0004 4933 3977

and that a copy was delivered to the Bail Bonds Division.

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