

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. ) Case No. 15-0893-DIS  
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SAMANTHA SHEPHERD, a licensed Bail )  
Bondsman in the State of Oklahoma, )  
 )  
Respondents. )

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OKLAHOMA

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

On October 7, 2015, the above captioned case came on for hearing at the offices of the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner, 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. The Insurance Commissioner appointed the undersigned 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 Senior Attorney Kelley Callahan. Respondent Samantha Shepherd (“Respondent”) failed to appear and was not represented by counsel. Exhibits were admitted and argument of counsel heard.

On September 17, 2015, the Oklahoma Insurance Department (“Department”) issued a Notice of Hearing setting the matter for hearing on October 7, 2015 at 9:00 AM.

**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. Ms. Shepherd is a licensed bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199750.

2. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1314(B) and OAC 365:25-5-36, each bail bondsman is required to submit monthly electronically filed reports to the Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner

("Commissioner") within fifteen (15) days after the end of each preceding month. Said reports must be filed electronically with the Commissioner.

3. June, 2015 monthly bail bond reports were due to be filed with the Commissioner by Wednesday, July 15, 2015.

4. Respondent has failed to file her June, 2015, American Contractors Indemnity Company, Lexington National Insurance Company, Roche Surety & Casualty Company, and United States Fire Insurance monthly surety reports.

5. As of the date of this Order, the reports have not been filed.

6. The Respondent's bail bond license had been suspended before the October 7, 2015 hearing in the instant case.

#### **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. Respondent was 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. Respondent failed to appear after being mailed a copy of the September 17, 2015 Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause. Said mailing was sent to Respondent's last known address of record. The United States Postal Service website reflects notice was given to Respondent on September 19, 2015. Respondent has failed to claim the certified mail. In addition, a review of her administrative history found on the last case regarding Respondent, the

State had to personally serve her on September 29, 2015 as the USPS Form 3811 was not signed for until September 25, 2015 and returned to Petitioner on October 1, 2015.

3. That Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(2) and (24), 59 O.S. § 1314(B) and OAC 365:25-5-36, by failing to timely file her June, 2015, American Contractors Indemnity Company, Lexington National Insurance Company, Roche Surety & Casualty Company, and United States Fire Insurance monthly surety reports.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that Respondent Samantha Shepherd's Bail Bond License in the State of Oklahoma is hereby **REVOKED** as of the issuance date of this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ms. Shepherd **IS FINED** in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and assessed costs in the amount of Sixty-two and 50/100 Dollars (\$62.50). Fine and costs are to be paid within thirty (30) days of the issuance date of this Order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 2015.



JOHN D. DOAK  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

  
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John D. Miller  
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 27<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2015, to:

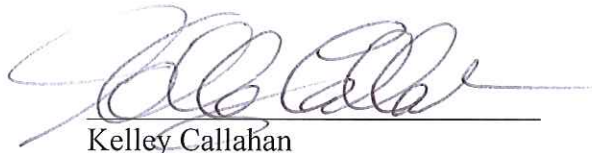
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