BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	FEB 2 3 2016
Petitioner,	INSTRUME COMMISSIONER
v. JOHN KEEFE, formerly a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,) Case Nos. 15-1008-DIS) 15-1009-DIS &) 15-1209-DIS)
and))
AMERICAN SURETY COMPANY, a licensed surety in the State of Oklahoma,)))
Respondents.	,

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, and alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma having full power and authority to administer the provisions of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code, 59 O.S. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Respondent John Keefe ("Keefe") was a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 100175523. His license was suspended in Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID") Case Number 15-0580-DIS. Respondent surrendered his bail bond license on November 6, 2015.
- 3. Respondent American Surety Company ("ASC") is a licensed insurance company in the State of Oklahoma holding certificate of authority number 0145.

4. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), any bondsman violating a provision of the Bail Bond Act, 59 O.S. §§ 1301-1340, may be subject to a fine of not less than \$250.00 but not more than \$2,500.00 per violation.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

Case No. 15-1008-DIS

1. On or about March 6, 2015, appearance bonds were executed as follows:

Defendant: Christopher Lee Dunkin

Case Number(s): 2015-0418

City/County: Valley Brook Municipal Surety: American Surety Company

Bondsman: John Keefe

Power Number(s): AS25-238903, AS5-1024856 & AS25-238902

Bond Amount(s): \$70.00, \$250.00, & \$400.0

- 2. On April 29, 2015, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bonds were declared forfeited. Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture were issued and filed in the case on May 7, 2015, by the Valley Brook Municipal Court Clerk. A true and correct copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture were mailed to Respondents with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the forfeitures Order's filing.
 - 3. Keefe received a copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture on May 8, 2015
 - 4. ASC received a copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture on May 11, 2015.
- 5. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture was August 7, 2015.
 - 6. On August 19, 2015, the forfeitures were untimely paid.
- 7. Respondent failed to report the bond with power number AS25-238903 for Seventy Dollars (\$70.00) on his monthly surety report to the OID.

Case No. 15-1009-DIS

8. On or about March 4, 2015, appearance bonds were executed as follows:

Defendant: Noe Hernandez
Case Number(s): 2015-0403

City/County: Valley Brook Municipal Surety: American Surety Company

Bondsman: John Keefe

Power Number(s): AS100-133451, AS1-365486, AS100-132995,

& AS100-132996

Bond Amount(s): \$250.00, \$400.00, \$300.0, & \$50.00

9. On April 8, 2015, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bonds were declared forfeited. Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture were issued and filed in the case on April 16, 2015, by the Valley Brook Municipal Court Clerk. A true and correct copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture were mailed to Respondents with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the forfeiture Order's filing.

- Keefe received a copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture on April 17,
 2015.
- 11. ASC received a copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture on April 20, 2015.
- 12. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture was July 17, 2015.
- 13. As of the date of the filing of this Conditional Administrative Order, no information has been provided to Petitioner reflecting the forfeiture has been paid.

Case No. 15-1209-DIS

14. On or about October 10, 2014, appearance bonds were executed as follows:

Defendant: Olaitan Adernoke Adesola

Case Number(s): 142424492(1)

City/County: Oklahoma City Municipal Surety: American Surety Company

Bondsman: John Keefe
Power Number(s): AS1 363761
Bond Amount(s): \$750.00

- 15. On June 4, 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 June 12, 2015, by the Oklahoma City Municipal Court Clerk. A true and correct copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture were mailed to Respondents with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the forfeiture Order's filing.
- 16. Keefe received a copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture. However, he failed to date the PS Form 3811.
 - 17. ASC received a copy of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture on June 18, 2015.
- 18. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Orders and Judgments of Forfeiture was September 15, 2015.
- 19. As of the date of the filing of this Conditional Administrative Order, no information has been provided to Petitioner reflecting the forfeiture has been paid.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS 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 in Valley Brook Municipal Court Case Number 2015-0403 and Oklahoma City Municipal Court Case Number 142424492(1).
- 2. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1314(B) and OAC 365:25-5-36; by failing to report the bond in case number 15-1008-DIS, Power Number AS25-238903 for Seventy Dollars (\$70.00).

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondents are <u>each</u> FINED Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The \$500.00 fines are to be paid within thirty (30) days made payable to the OID. The \$500.00 civil fine shall be paid by money order or cashier's check.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondents are to pay the forfeitures in both Valley Brook Municipal Court Case Number 2015-0403 and Oklahoma City Municipal Court Case Number 142424492(1). Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1332(D), if the referenced forfeitures are not paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Conditional Administrative Order, the OID is ordered to cancel the license privilege and authorization of ASC to do business within the State of Oklahoma and cancel the appointments of all surety bondsman agents who are authorized to write bail under ASC.

Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless the Respondent requests a hearing with respect to the Allegations of Fact set forth above within thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this Order, this Order and the penalties set forth above shall become a Final Order on the thirty-first day following the date of mailing this Order. A request for hearing should be in writing addressed to Barron Brown, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. The request for hearing must state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order.

Any such hearing shall be conducted according to the procedures for contested cases under the Insurance Code and 75 O.S. § 250-323. If the Respondent serves a timely request for hearing on the Oklahoma Insurance Department, this Conditional Order shall act as notice of the matters to be reviewed at the hearing, and the Allegations of Fact, Alleged Violations of Law,

and penalties imposed in this Conditional Order shall be considered withdrawn, pending final resolution at the hearing.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this <u>a3'dd</u> day of February, 2016.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Barron B. Brown

Assistant General Counsel Oklahoma Insurance Department 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to be Heard* was mailed by certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this **23** day of February, 2016, to:

John Keefe 21985 Homesteaders Road Edmond, Oklahoma 73012

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