BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, Petitioner, Vs. Case No. 15-1198-DIS STACY FRENCH, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma, Respondent.

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This matter is a disciplinary proceeding under the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act. The Oklahoma Insurance Department (the "Department") issued an Amended Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause on October 28, 2015, alleging that Respondent Stacy French ("French" or "Respondent") violated numerous provisions of the Bail Bond Act.

The hearing was set before the undersigned Hearing Examiner for November 19, 2015.

Petitioner appeared through Counsel Dan R. Byrd on November 19, 2015. Respondent failed to appear. Petitioner offered proof to support the proper service upon Respondent by certified mail at the Respondent's current address of record with the Department. Petitioner offered proof to support the allegations of fact and alleged violations of law contained in the Amended Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause.

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.

- Respondent is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40087375. Respondent's bail bonds license was suspended on September 23, 2015. On October 7, 2015, after Respondent's hearing at the Oklahoma Insurance Department (the "Department") was held in Respondent's absence, Respondent came to the Department and paid Department staff Five Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$527.79) to replace the three EFTs totaling Four Hundred Fifty- Two Dollars and Seventy-Nine Cents (\$452.79) plus Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) for the EFTs service fees and Five Hundred Sixty-Two Dollars and Fifty Cents for her FINE and costs of the hearing.
 - 3. Respondent's bail bond license was reinstated on October 19, 2015.
- 4. The Insurance Commissioner may deny, censure, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act and/or may levy a fine of not less than \$250.00 but not more than \$2,500.00 for each occurrence of a violation of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act. 59 O.S. § 1310(A) and (B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On or about September 24, 2015, Respondent submitted an electronic fee payment (EFT) to the Department in the amounts of Twenty-Four Dollars (\$24.00) for payment of her August 2015 Seneca Insurance Company surety report.
- 2. On or about October 5, 2015, the Department received notice from the Oklahoma State Treasure that the EFT submitted by Respondent on September 24, 2015 was returned as insufficient funds.

- 3. On or about October 7, 2015, Department staff sent a letter via email to Respondent requesting the funds be replaced and the service fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) paid within five days from receipt of the letter.
- 4. As of the date of this Order, Respondent has not responded to the request for payment.
- 5. Respondent has had numerous violations that resulted in Administrative Actions being filed against her by the Department and this EFT violation is the eight violation of this type since 2013 that has been filed against Respondent by the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(29) by submitting insufficient funds to the Department for payment of her August 2015 Seneca Insurance Company surety report.
- 2. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(2) by violating a law of this state related to bail.
- 3. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(23) by failing to respond to a properly mailed notification within a reasonable amount of time.
- 4. The Insurance Commissioner has the authority to deny, censure, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued under the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act. 59 O.S. § 1310(A).

ORDER

Petitioner's testimony offered at hearing support the Allegations of Fact and Alleged Violations of Law in the Amended Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause as true and correct.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Stacy French is FINED One Thousand Five Hundred

Dollars (\$1,500.00) and her bail bondsman license is **REVOKED**.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 19th day of November, 2015.

JOHN D MILLER

INDEPENDENT HEARING EXAMINER

OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

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