# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.	1	DEC 03 2015
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Petitioner,	)	
V.	)	Case No. 15-1262-DEN
KEITH G. KING II, Applicant for	)	
Nonresident Insurance Producer License	)	v
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Respondent.	)	

## ORDER OF LICENSE PROBATION

**COMES NOW** the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, by and through his undersigned counsel, and alleges and states:

#### **JURISDICTION**

- 1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma ("the Insurance Commissioner") and is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., including the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act. See 36 O.S. §§ 1435.1 et seq.
- 2. Keith G. King II ("Mr. King" or "Respondent") is an applicant for a nonresident insurance producer license in Oklahoma. Mr. King has a producer's license from his Designated Home State, Texas. His home address of record is

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about October 8, 2015, Respondent applied for a nonresident insurance producer license with the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("the Department").

- 2. Question 1(B) in the Oklahoma producer license application form asks in pertinent part: "Have you ever been convicted of a felony had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with a felony?" Respondent initially answered this question "NO." His explanation for this omission was his belief that after his deferred adjudication was completed, his felony history was wiped off his record; consequently, he answered the question incorrectly. Upon request for further information about his background/criminal history, he changed his answer to Question 1(B) to "YES."
- 3. If Question 1(B) is answered "YES" the applicant must provide a written statement explaining the circumstances of the incident(s); a copy of the charging document; and a copy of the official document demonstrating resolution of the charges or any final judgment.
- 4. Respondent complied and provided information to the Department via a letter from himself, his employer and copies of court documents from the Cooke County, Texas District Court in Cause Numbers CR00-058, CR00-059 and CR00-132 from 2000. All of these cases were for felony Burglary of a Building/Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity.
- 5. These court records show Respondent pled guilty to each felony count, and in each case received seven years deferred adjudication, community supervision, a \$500 fine, levy of payment of all court costs. The Texas court also ordered restitution in each case: \$4,147 in CR00-058; \$5,591.90 in CR00-059; and \$6,548.33 in CR00-132. The court documents show Respondent completed his Deferred Adjudication in 2007 without incident. He paid all court fines, fees and restitution by the time specified.
- 6. Respondent states in late 1999, when he was 19 years old, his roommate at the time and a friend of said roommate had borrowed his car and committed thefts while using it and living in the same house with Mr. King. Respondent states he learned about these events

and thefts after the fact. Due to the use of his car and the fact he knew of the crimes, the authorities implicated him on the charges with the other young men, according to Mr. King.

6. The Respondent's submissions support his contentions that (1) he has no criminal issues since 1999, (2) he has been a father and husband for many years, (3) has worked at *The Weekly News of Cooke County* consistently for ten years, and (4) is a home owner who pays his bills and taxes on time.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Insurance Commissioner may place on probation, censure, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act and/or may levy a fine up to \$1,000 for each occurrence of a violation of the Oklahoma Insurance Code. See 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A) and (D).
- 2. Respondent complied with the Oklahoma Insurance Code requirements by eventually disclosing his felony convictions. Although these convictions took place more than a decade ago when Respondent was a very young man, and the record indicates he has lived an above-board life since the crimes, there are several reasons under the Producer Licensing Act the Insurance Commissioner cannot grant Respondent an unconditional nonresident producer license at this time.
- 3. First, the felonies in question not youthful pranks, but a series of business burglaries and targeted thefts of valuable property and equipment, which the Texas prosecutor characterized as "Organized Criminal Activity." Second, burglaries of this magnitude mean breaking and entering and invite confrontations and possible harm to owners or others on the premises. Third, while the sentences where deferred, the Texas Judge fixed the punishment at seven years, indicating he or she viewed the crimes as serious violations. Fourth, Respondent is

a licensed producer in Texas, and therefore familiar with the application process, the nature of questions asked, and what regulators want and need to know. The fact Respondent initially failed to disclose his felony convictions because he believed them "expunged" and provided the information only when called on the matter by the Department is problematic from a regulatory standpoint.

4. The Insurance Commissioner believes the best course is granting Mr. King an Oklahoma nonresident producer license on a probationary basis as an intermediate course.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that Respondent is granted a nonresident Oklahoma insurance producer license on a probationary status for a period of one (1) year. At the time of Respondent's first renewal of his producer license, his probationary status must and shall be reviewed by the Insurance Commissioner and the probationary status may be removed at that time. When his first Oklahoma renewal is due, the Respondent should contact the Producer Licensing Division of the Oklahoma Insurance Department.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order shall be reported as an administrative action.

If Respondent commits a violation of the Oklahoma Insurance Code, his license may thereafter be REVOKED.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 2rd day of December, 2015.

JOHN D. DOAK

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Order of License Probation* was mailed via certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this day of December, 2015 to:

Keith Grice King II

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Courtney Phipps and DeAnna Hughes Licensing Division Oklahoma Insurance Department

> Kelley C. Callahan Senior Attorney

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