BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	MAY 1 2 2016
Petitioner,	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
VS.)
DEBORAH ACKERMAN, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,))
AND) CASE NO. 16-0476-DIS
ACCREDITED SURETY AND CASUALTY COMPANY, an insurance company licensed to act as bail 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 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. §§ 1301-1341.
- Respondent Deborah Ackerman ("Ackerman") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40001406.
- 3. Respondent Accredited Surety and Casualty Company. ("ASCC") is an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the State of Oklahoma holding NAIC number 26379.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On or about April 7, 2015, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Jarrett Edward Johnson

Case Number(s):

CM-2015-100

City/County:

Woods County Court Clerk

Surety:

Accredited Surety and Casualty Company

Bondsman:

Deborah Ackerman

Power Number(s):

BB-5277137

Bond Amount(s):

\$2500

2. On January 14, 2016, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was orally declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was filed by the court on January 21, 2016. 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. Ackerman received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on January 29, 2016.
- 4. ASCC received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on January 25, 2016.
- 5. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was Friday, April 29, 2016.
- 6. As of the date of this Order, the bond forfeiture has not been paid or otherwise set aside or the bond exonerated.
- 7. 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.
 - 8. The bond was reported.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The allegations are found to be true and correct, and Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1332(D) 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 bondsman or company violating a provision of the Bail Bond Act, 59 O.S. §§ 1301-1340, may be subject to a fine of not less than \$250 but not more than \$2,500.
- 3. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1332(D)(4)(a), when a surety company does not properly deposit with the court clerk the face amount of the forfeited bond, the Commissioner shall "cancel the license privilege and authorization of the insurer to do business within the State of Oklahoma and cancel the surety appointment of all surety bondsman agents of the insurer.
- 4. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1316(D), all surety bondsmen or managing general agents shall attach a completed power of attorney to the appearance bond that is filed with the court clerk on each bond written. Echols violated 59 O.S. § 1316(D) when she failed to sign the power of attorney on the appearance bond.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Deborah Ackerman and Accredited Surety and Casualty Company are each CENSURED and FINED Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00).

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the face amount of the bond forfeiture shall be deposited with the Woods County Court Clerk (or the bond forfeiture otherwise set aside or the bond exonerated) within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order. Failure to do so shall result in the CANCELLATION of Accredited Surety and Casualty Company's license privilege and authorization to do business within the State of Oklahoma and CANCELLATION of the surety appointment of all surety bondsman agents of Accredited Surety and Casualty Company.

Respondents are further notified that they may request a hearing within 30 days of the receipt of

this Order concerning this action, and upon such request, the Oklahoma Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to Dan R. Byrd, Assistant General Counsel, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 and give an explanation of Respondents' actions alleged herein and any defenses thereto.

If Respondents have not paid the fines ordered herein and do not request a hearing within the thirty (30) days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the thirty-first (31st) day following the receipt of the Order, Respondents' license shall be immediately suspended, and the fines ordered herein shall be due.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 2 day of May, 2016.

JOHN D. DOAK

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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Assistant General Counsel 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112

Tel. (405) 522-6330 Fax (405) 522-0125

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 certified, return receipt requested, on this ______ day of May, 2016, to:

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7015 3010 0001 4736 6419

Deborah Ackerman P.O. Box 283 Alva, OK 73717

Accredited Surety and Casualty Company ATTN: Bail Bond Division

P.O. Box 140855 Orlando, FL 32814

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 7015 3010 0001 4736 6426

Dan R. Byrd

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