BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	NSURANCE COMMISSIONE
Petitioner,)
VS.)
TIMOTHY PEARSON, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)) CASE NO. 16-0981-DIS)
AND)
AMERICAN CONTRACTORS INDEMNITY, COMPANYA 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 AND AUTHORITY

- 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.
- 2. Respondent Timothy Pearson ("Pearson") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199119.
- 3. Respondent American Contractors Indemnity Company ("ACIC") is a licensed surety in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 10216.
- 4. The Insurance Commissioner has jurisdiction over the subject matter raised in this dispute and may issue penalties pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310.

- 5. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), in addition to any potential denial, censure, suspension, or revocation, any person violating any provision of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act may be subject to a civil penalty of not less than Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) nor more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for each occurrence.
- 6. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1332(D)(4)(a), the Insurance Commissioner shall immediately cancel the license privilege and authorization of the insurer to do business within the State of Oklahoma and cancel the appointment of all surety bondsman agents of the insurer who are licensed by Section 1301 et seq. of this title.
- 7. If Respondents request a hearing in writing in this matter, pursuant to *OAC 365:1-7-1*, the Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to *36 O.S. § 319*, will appoint an independent hearing examiner who shall sit as a quasi-judicial officer and preside over the hearing requested by Respondents.
- 8. The Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to *OAC 365:1-7-5*, upon written request reasonably made by a person affected by the hearing and at such person's expense, shall cause a full stenographic record of the proceedings to be made by a competent court reporter.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

1. On or about October 5, 2015, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Joseph Valenti III

Case Number(s):

CM-2015-1229

City/County:

Comanche County

Surety:

American Contractors Indemnity Co. Timothy Pearson

Bondsman: Power Number(s):

A15-2200551

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Bond Amount(s):

\$2,500.00

2. On March 28, 2016, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was declared forfeited.

An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case April 1, 2016 by the Comanche County Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondents on April 1, 2016 with return receipt requested.

- 3. Pearson received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on April 6, 2016.
- 4. ACIC received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on April 4, 2016.
- 5. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was July 6, 2016.
- 6. On July 5, 2016, the Court entered an Order to Stay Payment of the forfeiture until September 30, 2016.
- 7. As of the date of the filing of this Conditional Administrative Order, the forfeiture has not been paid and the defendant has not been returned to custody.

ALLEGED CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1332 by failing to return the Defendant within ninety (90) days as specifically stated in subsection 4(c) of the statute 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Pearson and ACIC are <u>each</u> FINED One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). The fines are to be paid within thirty (30) days made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Payment may be made by either cashier's check or money order and sent to the Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56th St., Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. If the fines are

not paid within thirty (30) days, Pearson's license will be suspended and shall remain suspended until the fines are paid in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the face amount of the bond forfeiture shall be deposited with the Comanche County District 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 ACIC'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 ACIC.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless the Respondents request 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 Sara A. Worten, 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 Respondents serve 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 August day of October, 2016.





JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Sara A. Worten
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Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112

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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 regular mail and by certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this day of October 2016, to:

Timothy Pearson P.O. Box 2982 Lawton, OK 73502-2982

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.

7016 0910 0000 5833 3622

American Contractors Indemnity Company 601 S. Figueroa Street, Suite 1600 Los Angeles, CA 90017-5721

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.

7016 0910 0000 5833 3639

and a copy was delivered to:

Anna Denman Bail Bonds Division

Sara A. Worten

Assistant General Counsel



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