# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	)		FILED MAR 3 0 2017
Petitione vs.  JACKIE HARDISON, a licensed bail	r, ) ) )	)	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
bondsman in the State of Oklahoma, AND		CASE NO.	16-1131-DIS
INDIANA LUMBERMENS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the state of Oklahoma,	) ) )		
Respondents.	)		

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

This matter is a proceeding under the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code, 59 O.S. §§ 1301 et seq., the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., and conducted pursuant the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 301 et seq, whereby Respondent, Jackie Hardison ("Respondent Hardison") is an Oklahoma licensed bail bondsman in the state of Oklahoma holding license number 199271 and Respondent Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company ("Respondent Lumbermens") is an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the State of Oklahoma holding NAIC number 14265. The Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID") issued a Notice of Hearing and Order For Show Cause alleging violations of the provisions of Title 36 and Title 59 of the Oklahoma Statutes and setting this matter for hearing on February 23, 2017, at 9:30 a.m. at the office of the Oklahoma Insurance Department, 3625 N.W. 56<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

On February 23, 2017, the above captioned case came on for hearing at OID and testimony and evidence was received at that time. Oklahoma Insurance Commissioner John D. Doak appointed the undersigned independent Hearing Examiner, John D. Miller, to preside at the hearing as a quasi-judicial officer pursuant to 36 O.S. § 319 and 59 O.S. § 1311.1(B). The hearing was recorded electronically by employees of the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID"). Petitioner was represented by Senior Counsel Sandra G. LaVenue. Attorney Steve Money entered an appearance on behalf of both Respondents Hardison and Lumbermens and reported to OID Counsel via email that he would not be appearing at the hearing and that he did not request a continuance. Respondent Hardison appeared without counsel and announced that she was not aware that anyone had entered an appearance on her behalf and that she did not know Steve Money or retain him to represent her. Respondent Hardison further announced that she wished to proceed without counsel. No one appeared on behalf of Respondent Lumbermens. Testimony and evidence was heard before the undersigned Hearing Examiner including the admission of exhibits into evidence. Therefore, after consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, this independent Hearing Examiner issues his order of findings and conclusions of law.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 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 and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code.
  - 2. The Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to 36 O.S. § 319 and 59 O.S. §

1311.1(B), appointed an independent Hearing Examiner and that Hearing Examiner has the jurisdiction to determine if there is evidence to support a finding by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent's actions as alleged in the OID Notice of Hearing and Order for Show Cause issued on January 19, 2017, were established by the evidence and were in violation of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code and/or the Oklahoma Insurance Code.

3. On May 23, 2016, Respondent Hardison executed an appearance bond in Delaware County as follows:

Defendant:

Justin Dale Taylor

Case Number(s):

DF-2014-195

City/County:

**Delaware County** 

Surety:

Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance

Company

Bondsman:

Jackie Hardison

Power Number(s):

US25 786873

Bond Amount(s):

\$16,000.00

4. On June 6, 2016, the Defendant failed to appear and the court issued a bench warrant and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case on June 9, 2016, by the Delaware County Court Clerk. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing.

5. Respondent Hardison received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on June 11, 2016.

- 6. Respondent Lumbermens received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on June 13, 2016.
- 7. Respondent Hardison obtained a ninety (90) day stay of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 6, 2016, thereby extending the ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture to December 5, 2016.
- 9. The defendant was neither returned to custody by December 4, 2016, nor the bond forfeiture paid by December 5, 2016, in accordance with the provisions of 59 O.S. § 1332.
- 10. The Delaware County Court Clerk sent notice to OID on December 19, 2016, asserting that neither Respondent Hardison nor Respondent Lumbermens either returned the defendant to custody or paid the bond forfeiture by the ninety-first (91st) day.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Respondent Hardison violated 59 O.S. 1310(A)(2) and (28), by failing to return the Defendant to custody 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 accordance with the provisions of 59 O.S. § 1332 and OAC 365:25-5-40 and 365:25-5-41.
- 2. Respondent Hardison violated 59 O.S. 1310(A)(6), (9) and (28) by repeatedly failing to comply with Orders of Judgement and Forfeiture.
- 3. Respondent Lumbermens violated 36 O.S. § 619 by failing to comply with OAC 365:25-5-40 and 365:25-5-41(b)(2) and as also required by 59 O.S. § 1332, by

failing to return the Defendant to custody 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 accordance with the provisions of 59 O.S. § 1332 and OAC 365:25-5-40 and 365:25-5-41.

#### **ORDER**

established by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent Hardison violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(2), (6), (9), and (28) of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code by failing to either return the defendant to custody within ninety (90) days of a bail bond forfeiture or pay the forfeiture within ninety-one (91) days from receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture in accordance with the provisions of 59 O.S. § 1332 and OAC 365:25-5-40 and 25-5-41, and as a result Hardison's bail bond license is hereby REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that it has been established by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company violated 36 O.S. § 619 by failing to comply with OAC 365:25-5-40 and 365:25-5-41(b)(2) and as also required by 59 O.S. § 1332 and as a result Respondent Lumbermens is FINED in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00). The fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of this order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Respondent Lumbermens, is assessed the costs of this matter in the amount of SIXTY TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS (\$62.50) to be paid to the Oklahoma Insurance Department within thirty (30) days

# of receipt of this order.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 27th day of March, 2017.



JOHN D. MILLER, OBA # 6213 INDEPENDENT HEARING EXAMINER OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I, Sandra G. LaVenue, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Administrative Order was mailed certified, return receipt requested on this \_ day of March, 2017, to:

Jackie Hardison 320801 S. 630 RD. Jay, OK. 74346

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO.** 

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Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company 2005 Market St. Ste 1200 Philadelphia, PA 19103-7008

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO.** 7016 0910 0000 8401 1501

Stephen R. Money, OBA # 12145 430 Court Street Muskogee, OK 74401

CERTIFIED MAIL NO.

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and a copy was delivered to:

Lewis Garrison **Bail Bonds Division** 

Sandra G. LaVenue

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