# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	) MAR 3 <sup>Q</sup> 2017
Petitioner,	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
JASON WOODARD, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,	) ) )
AND	) CASE NO. 16-1133-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, Jason Woodard ("Respondent Woodard") is an Oklahoma licensed bail bondsman in the state of Oklahoma holding license number 199501 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. On January 23, 2017, 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. Legal

service of summons was achieved by serving Respondent Woodard on January 30, 2017, and Respondent Lumbermens on January 27, 2017, by certified mail return receipt requested.

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. Neither Respondent Woodard nor a representative for Respondent Lumbermens appeared at the hearing. Attorney Steve Money entered an appearance on behalf of both Respondents Woodard and Lumbermens on February 22, 2017 and reported at 10:16 p.m. that same evening to OID Counsel via email that he would not be appearing at the hearing due to a conflict and presumed that all of the Respondents would be in default. Additionally, Mr. Money requested that the Respondents be given additional time to pay whatever fines may be assessed and requested that fines be assessed in the amount of \$1250.00. This Hearing Examiner noted that Mr. Money did not request a continuance. 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 23, 2017, were established by the evidence and were in violation of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code and/or the Oklahoma Insurance Code.

3. On February 27, 2016, Respondent Woodard executed an appearance bond in the Oklahoma County Court as follows:

Defendant:

Lena Rose Buffalo

Case Number(s):

CF-2016-6290

City/County:

Oklahoma County

Surety:

Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance

Company

Bondsman:

Jason Woodard

Power Number(s): Bond Amount(s): US15 760016 \$2,500.00

4. On August 29, 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 September 6, 2016, by the Oklahoma

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 Woodard received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 9, 2016.
- 6. Respondent Lumbermens received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 12, 2016.
- 7. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was December 9, 2016.
- 8. The defendant was neither returned to custody by December 8, 2016, nor the bond forfeiture paid by September December 9, 2016, in accordance with the provisions of 59 O.S. § 1332.
- 9. The Oklahoma County Court Clerk sent notice to OID on December 12, 2016, asserting that neither Respondent Woodard 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 Woodard 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 Woodard 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 Woodard 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 Respondent Woodard is FINED in the amount of ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$1,000.00). The fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days of receipt of this Order.

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 FORTY DOLLARS (\$40.00) 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:

Jason Woodard P.O. Box 108 Oklahoma City, OK 73101-0108

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO.** 7016 0910 0000 8401 1464

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

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO.** 7016 0910 0000 8401 1471

Stephen R. Money 430 Court Street Muskogee, OK 74401

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO.** 

7016 0910 0000 8401 1488

and a copy was delivered to:

Lewis Garrison **Bail Bonds Division** 

> Sandra La∀enue Senior Counsel

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