BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,)		MAR 3 0 2017
Petitioner	,) ,)		INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
CASEY WAYNE GAINES, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)	VSE NO	16-1136-DIS
AND)	ASE NO.	10-1130-013
INDIANA LUMBERMENS MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY, an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the state of Oklahoma,)))		
Respondents	í		

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, Casey Wayne Gaines ("Respondent Gaines") is an Oklahoma licensed bail bondsman in the state of Oklahoma holding license number 100236801 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 20, 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. 56th Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Legal service of summons was achieved by serving Respondent Gaines on January 23, 2017, and Respondent Lumbermens on February 1, 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 Gaines nor a representative for Respondent Lumbermens appeared at the hearing. Attorney Steve Money entered an appearance on behalf of both Respondents Gaines 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 March 25, 2016, Respondent Gaines executed an appearance bond in the Tulsa County Court as follows:

Defendant:

Jordan Batice Mitchell

Case Number(s):

CF-2015-4207

City/County:

Tulsa County

Surety:

Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance

Company

Bondsman:

Casey Gaines

Power Number(s):

792904

Bond Amount(s):

\$350,000.00

4. On September 8, 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 13, 2016, by the Tulsa 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 Gaines received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 15, 2016.
- 6. Respondent Lumbermens received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 19, 2016.
- 7. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was December 15, 2016.
- 8. The defendant was neither returned to custody by December 14, 2016, nor the bond forfeiture paid by September December 15, 2016, in accordance with the provisions of 59 O.S. § 1332.
- 9. The Tulsa County Court Clerk sent notice to OID on December 16, 2016, asserting that neither Respondent Gaines 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 Gaines 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 Gaines 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, Casey Wayne Gaines 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 Gaines' 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 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.

CE COMMAN

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:

Casey Gaines 906 S. Cheyenne Ave. Tulsa, OK 74119-1806

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 1440

Stephen R. Money 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 LaVenue

Senior Counsel



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