BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.)	DEC 0.1 2016
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, Petitioner,)	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
vs.)	Case No. 16-1022-DIS
LARRY EDWARD WATSON, a licensed bail)	Case 1101 10 10-12 212
bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)	
Respondent.)	

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, Barron B. Brown, 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 et seq., including the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1341.
- 2. Larry Edward Watson ("Respondent") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 40052606 with the surety line of authority.
- 3. 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, by appropriate order of the Insurance Commissioner, 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 of a violation.
- 4. Pursuant to O.A.C. 365:1-7-1(a), Respondent may submit a written request for hearing in this matter. Upon receiving such a request, the Insurance Commissioner will appoint an

independent hearing examiner who shall sit as a quasi-judicial officer and preside over the hearing as requested by Respondent. 36 O.S. § 619.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

- 1. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1314(A) and O.A.C. 365:25-5-39, when a licensed bail bondsman accepts collateral, a description of said collateral must be listed on the Affidavit as to Undertaking in the appearance bond, including the nature and description of the collateral and the name of the person it was received from.
- 2. On or about February 2, 2016, Respondent executed a \$2,000.00 appearance bond ("the bond") for defendant Gregory Dennison ("Dennison") in the District Court in and for Tulsa County, Oklahoma (Case No. CF-2016-1178). Respondent received \$2,000.00 in collateral and \$200.00 in premium from Mary Biggerstaff ("Biggerstaff") to post the bond on behalf of Dennison. The referenced collateral was not reported in the Affidavit as to Undertaking on the bond.
- 3. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1314(B)(1), a licensed bail bondsman must electronically submit monthly reports for each line of authority held "showing every bond written, amount of bond, whether released or revoked during each month, showing the court and county, and the style and number of the case, premiums charged and *collateral received*. (emphasis added)"
- 4. Respondent failed to report the \$2,000.00 collateral received from Biggerstaff for the bond on his February 2016 monthly report to the Oklahoma Insurance Department.
- 5. Additionally, Respondent failed to provide the last-known mailing address of the surety insurer, multi-county agent bondsman John R. Burks (license number 199080), on the bond as required by 59 O.S. § 1316(E).

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(2); by violating any laws of this state or

any lawful rule, regulation, or order of the Commissioner relating to bail.

- 2. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(24); by failing to properly list collateral received in the Affidavit as to Undertaking on the bond as required by 59 O.S. § 1314(A) and O.A.C. 365:25-5-39.
- 3. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(24); by failing to report collateral received on his monthly report as required by 59 O.S. § 1314(B)(1).
- 4. Respondent has violated 59 O.S. § 1316(E); by failing to provide the last-known mailing address of the insurer on the bond.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent is CENSURED and FINED Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The fine is 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. If the fine is not paid within thirty (30) days, Respondent's license shall be immediately suspended and shall remain suspended until the fine is paid in full.

Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless the Respondent requests 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 Barron B. Brown, 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 Oklahoma Insurance Code (36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq.), the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act (specifically-59 O.S. §§ 1311-1311.1) and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act (75 O.S. §§ 308a et seq.). If the Respondent serves 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 _____ day of December, 2016.



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