

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D.)
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,)
)
Petitioner)
v.)
)
SCOTT JOSEPH WORD, an applicant for)
Bail bond license in the State of)
Oklahoma,)
Respondent.)

Case No. 17-310-DEN

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

This matter is a denial proceeding under the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code. 59 O.S. §§ 1301 et seq. The Oklahoma Insurance Department (the “Department”) notified Respondent on March 13, 2017, that his application for a bail bond license was denied. Respondent requested a formal administrative hearing before an independent hearing examiner concerning the matter, and on May 25, 2017, the Respondent received the Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause to Respondent providing notice of hearing to be held on June 7, 2017 at 10:00 at 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. The Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause provided Respondent with notice that his license was denied for failing to disclose criminal and administrative history in violation of 59 § 1310(A)(12) in providing materially untrue statements on the license application.

The hearing was held before the undersigned Hearing Examiner on June 7, 2017, at 10:00 a.m. Petitioner appeared by counsel Sara A. Worten. Respondent did not appear. Witnesses were sworn and testified, exhibits were admitted and argument of counsel heard.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Insurance Commissioner appointed Stephen Mathis to hear the case as the independent Hearing Examiner.

2. The hearing was recorded electronically by employees of the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Neither party requested a full stenographic record of the proceedings.

3. The following exhibits were introduced and admitted:

- Petitioner's Exhibit 1: Scott Joseph Word Bail Bond Application;
- Petitioner's Exhibit 2: Deferment, In the District Court of Beckham County Case No. CF-2008-251, The State of Oklahoma v. Scott Joseph Word;
- Petitioner's Exhibit 3: Scott Joseph Word's Administrative History with the Oklahoma Insurance Department.

4. Lewis Garrison, Manager of the Bail Bond Division was sworn and testified under oath.

5. Sherry Standerfer, Legal Secretary for the Oklahoma Insurance Department was sworn and testified under oath.

6. Respondent applied for a bail bondsman license in the state of Oklahoma in March 2017.

7. On the March 2017 application, Respondent answered "no" to question 1(B) which asks if he has been convicted of, pled guilty or nolo contendere to any felony.

8. Respondent pled guilty *In the District Court of Beckham County, The State of Oklahoma v Scott Joseph Word*, CF-2008-251 to two felony counts of drug offenses.

9. The sentence was deferred for three (3) years on both counts.

10. On the March 2017 application, question 2 asks if the applicant has been

named or been involved as a party in an administrative action to which Respondent answered “no”.

11. Oklahoma Insurance Department’s (the “Department”) records indicate, Respondent’s license was previously revoked by the Department, and two (2) other administrative actions were taken by the Department against Respondent to which he still owes a One Thousand Dollar (\$1,000.00) fine

CONCLUSIONS VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent’s failure to answer in the affirmative as to his previous administrative and criminal history in the license application is violation of 59 § 1310(A)(12), in that he made materially untrue statements on the license application by answering “no”.

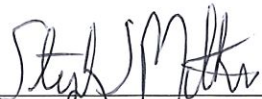
2. Respondent is in violation of 59 § 1310(A)(2) by failing to comply with the Commissioner’s Order to pay a fine in the total amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) in a previous administrative action.

ORDER

BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT THE DENIAL OF THE APPLICATION OF RESPONDENT BY THE OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT IS AFFIRMED.

Done this 29 day of June, 2017.




STEPHEN MATHIS
Independent Hearing Examiner
Oklahoma Insurance Department
3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100
Oklahoma City, OK 73112

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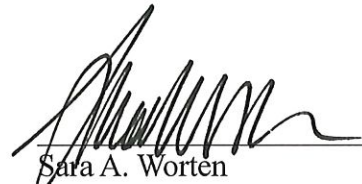
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