# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner,	) INSURANCE COMMISSIONER ) OKLAHOMA
Petitioner,	)
VS.	)
CURTIS SCOTT HOPCUS, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,	) ) CASE NO. 18-0179-DIS
AND	)
JANICE B. GOAD, a professional bail bondsman licensed in the state of Oklahoma,	) ) )
Respondents.	)

# 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, Sara A. Worten, and alleges and states as follows:

### **JURISDICTION**

- 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. §§ 101-7401, and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Respondent Curtis Scott Hopcus ("Hopcus") was a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number100230523. Hopcus's address of record is 611 SW E Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501.
- 3. Respondent Janice B. Goad ("Goad") is a professional bail bondsman in the state of Oklahoma holding license number 199329. Goad's address of record is 553 Harrison Street,

Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058.

4. The Insurance Commissioner has jurisdiction over the subject matter raised in this

dispute and may issue penalties pursuant to 59 O.S. §§ 1310 and 1332.

Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), in addition to any potential denial, censure, 5.

suspension, or revocation, any person violating any provision of the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act

may be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$250.00 nor more than \$2,500.00 for each

occurrence.

6. If Hopcus or Goad request a hearing in writing in this matter, pursuant to OAC

365:1-7-1, the Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1311.1, will appoint an

independent hearing examiner who shall sit as a quasi-judicial officer and preside over the

hearing requested by Respondent(s).

7. The Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to OAC 365:1-7-5, upon written request

reasonably made by a person affected by the hearing and at such person's expense, shall cause a

full stenographic record of the proceedings to be made by a competent court reporter.

#### ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

8. On or about August 25, 2017, an appearance bonds were executed as follows:

Defendant:

Christopher Lee Busby

Case Number(s):

CF-2017-532

City/County:

Comanche County

Surety:

Janice Goad

Bondsman: Power Number(s): Curtis Hopcus 1524

\$20,000.00

Bond Amount(s):

9. On or about October 17, 2017, the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about October 19, 2017, by the Comanche County Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Hopcus and Goad with return receipt requested within 30 days after the Order's filing.

- Hopcus failed to claim his copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.
- 11. Goad received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on October 23, 2017.
- 12. The 91<sup>st</sup> day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was January 22, 2018.
- 13. The forfeiture was not timely paid, and the defendant was not timely returned to custody.

#### ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW

- 14. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. 1310(A)(2) and (28), by failing to return the Defendant to custody within 90 days or remit payment in the face amount of the bond forfeiture within 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.
- 15. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. 1310(A)(6), (9) and (28) by failing to comply with Order of Judgement & Forfeiture.

#### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Hopcus and Goad are <u>each</u> FINED \$1,000.00. Both fines are to be paid within 30 days of the date of this Conditional Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. If the fines are not paid within 30 days, Respondents' respective licenses will be suspended and shall remain suspended until the fines

are paid in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the face amount of the bond forfeiture shall be deposited with the Comanche County Court Clerk in Oklahoma County case number CF-2017-532 (should the court clerk show it as outstanding). If the forfeiture is not paid within 30 days of this Conditional Order, the Oklahoma Insurance Department is ordered to withdraw the face amount of the bond from Goad's professional bail bondsman certificate of deposit and forward it to the Comanche County Court Clerk for payment of the bond forfeiture.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless either Hopcus or Goad request a hearing with respect to the Allegations of Fact set forth above within 30 days of the date of this Conditional Order, the penalties set forth above shall become a Final Order on the 31st day following the date of mailing this Order. A request for hearing should be in writing and addressed to Sara Worten, 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 and shall be served on the Oklahoma Insurance Department within the 30 days allotted. The proceedings on such requested hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Bail Bond Code, 59 O.S. §§ 1301 through 1341 and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 through 324. If either Hopcus or Goad serve a timely request for hearing on the Oklahoma Insurance Department, this Conditional Order will act as a 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.





JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to Be Heard* was mailed by regular mail and by certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this 2018, to:

Curtis Hopcus 611 SW E Avenue Lawton, OK 73501-4511

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Janice Goad P.O. Box 148 Pawnee, OK 74058

Bar Code NO.

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and a copy was delivered to:

Renonda Stogsdill Lewis Garrison Bail Bonds Division

Sara A. Worten

Assistant General Counsel



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