BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, Petitioner, Vs. Case Nos. 18-0221-DIS

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vs.
)
MICHELLE LEIGH HOLLY, formerly a
licensed bail bondsman in the State of
Oklahoma,
)
and

KENNETH BYRON SELF, a multicounty agent bail bondsman licensed in the State of Oklahoma,

Respondents.

AMENDED 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

- 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. §§ 101-7301, and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O. S. §§ 1301-1341.
- 2. Respondent Michelle Leigh Holly ("Holly") was formerly a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 100264339. Holly's bail bondsman license expired on January 31, 2018.
 - 3. Respondent Kenneth Byron Self ("Self") is a licensed multicounty agent bail

bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199842.

- 4. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(E), "[for] one (1) year after notification by the Commissioner of an alleged violation, or for two (2) years after the last day the person was licensed, whoever is the lesser period of time, the Commissioner shall retain jurisdiction as to any person who cancels his bail bondsman's license or allows the license to lapse, or otherwise ceases to be licensed, if the person while licensed as a bondsman allegedly violated any provision of the [Oklahoma Bail Bond Act]."
- 5. 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 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.

ALLEGATIONS OF FACT

1. On or about April 14, 2017, an appearance bond (the "Latasha Ables bond") was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Latasha Keyana Ables

Case Number(s):

CM-2017-39

City/County:

LeFlore County District Court

Surety:

Kenneth Byron Self

Bondsman:

Michelle Leigh Holly

Power Number(s):

2864

Bond Amount(s):

\$1,000.00

2. On August 21, 2017, the Defendant failed to appear and the Latasha Ables bond was declared forfeited. On August 23, 2017, an Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case by the LeFlore County District Court. On August 23, 2017, a true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to each Respondent with return

receipt requested, which was within thirty (30) days of the forfeiture Order's filing.

3. The Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was sent to Holly's provided mailing address on record with the OID and returned "unclaimed", as evidenced electronically by the United States Postal Service Tracking website.

4. Self received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on September 5, 2017, as evidenced by the United States Postal Service certified mail receipt.

5. Pursuant to OAC 365:25-5-40(b)(2), the calculated ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was December 5, 2017.

6. The Latasha Ables bond forfeiture was untimely paid on February 27, 2018. Additionally, the defendant, Ms. Ables, was not timely returned to custody.

7. On or about June 2, 2017, an appearance bond (the "Christopher Ables bond") was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Christopher David Ables

Case Number(s):

CM-2017-96

City/County:

LeFlore County District Court

Surety:

Kenneth Byron Self

Bondsman: Power Number(s):

Michelle Leigh Holly

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3212

Bond Amount(s):

\$2,500.00

8. On August 4, 2017, the Defendant failed to appear and the Christopher Ables bond was declared forfeited. On August 7, 2017, an Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case by the LeFlore County District Court. On August 7, 2017, a true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to each Respondent with return receipt requested, which was within thirty (30) days of the forfeiture Order's filing.

- 9. Holly received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on August 17, 2017, as evidenced by the United States Postal Service certified mail receipt.
- 10. Self received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on August 23, 2017, as evidenced by the United States Postal Service certified mail receipt.
- 11. Pursuant to OAC 365:25-5-40(b)(2), the calculated ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was November 16, 2017.
- 12. OAC 365:25-5-44 provides the following: "[f]ollowing a forfeiture, if the defendant has been returned to custody as defined in 59 O.S. § 1332(C)(4), the bondsman shall file notice with the court clerk of the county where the forfeiture occurred by the ninety-first day after receipt of the order and judgement of forfeiture, certifying the defendant was returned to custody by the ninetieth day after receipt of the order and judgement of forfeiture. Failure to provide notice prior to the ninety-first day shall be a violation of 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(2)."
- 13. Holly failed to notify the court clerk of LeFlore County, prior to the calculated 91st day, that the defendant in LeFlore County Case No. CM-2017-96, Mr. Ables, was returned to custody in Latimer County, Oklahoma on or about October 27, 2017 as required by OAC 365:25-5-44.
- 14. On or about February 28, 2018, the Christopher Ables bond forfeiture was set aside and exonerated by an order of the LeFlore County District Court One Hundred Three (103) days after the calculated 91st day following receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.

ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent Holly has violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(2) violation of any laws of this

state or any lawful rule, regulation, or order of the Commissioner relating to bail, through a violation of OAC 365:25-5-44, by failing to file notice with the court clerk of the county where the forfeiture occurred by the ninety-first day after receipt of the order and judgement of forfeiture, certifying the defendant was returned to custody by the ninetieth day after receipt of the order and judgement of forfeiture.

2. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(2) violation of any laws of this state or any lawful rule, regulation, or order of the Commissioner relating to bail, through a violation of 59 O.S. § 1332(D), by failing to timely return the Defendant within ninety (90) days or by failing to timely remit payment in the face amount of the bond forfeiture within ninety-one (91) days from receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondents Holly and Self are <u>each</u> FINED Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00). The fines are to be paid within thirty (30) days from receipt of this Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Payment may be made by either cashier's check or money order. Failure to comply with a proper order of the Insurance Commissioner may result in further administrative action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance 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 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 6th day of April, 2018.



JOHN D. DOAK INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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