BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. GLEN MULREADY, Insurance Commissioner,	AUG 2 9 2019	
Petitioner, vs.	(MSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA	
GEORGE PETERSON , a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)) CASE NO. 19-0523-DIS	
AND		
AMERICAN CONTRACTORS INDEMNITY COMPANY, an insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the state of Oklahoma,))))	
Respondents.		

CONDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Glen Mulready, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel, Sandra G. LaVenue, and alleges and states as follows:

JURISDICTION

- 1. Glen Mulready 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. §§ 1301-1341.
- 2. Respondent George Peterson ("Peterson") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 20135.
 - 3. Respondent American Contractors Indemnity Company, ("ACIC") is an

insurance company licensed to act as bail surety in the state of Oklahoma holding NAIC number 10216.

- 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 and 36 O.S. § 619.
- 5. If Peterson or ACIC requests a hearing in writing in this matter, pursuant to OAC 365:1-7-1, the Insurance Commissioner, pursuant to 36 O.S. § 319, will appoint an independent hearing examiner who shall sit as a quasi-judicial officer and preside over the hearing requested by Respondent.
- 6. 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

7. On or about March 9, 2019, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Christian Joseph San Miguel

Case Number(s):

CF-2019-981

City/County:

Oklahoma County

Surety:

American Contractors Indemnity Company

Bondsman:

George Peterson

Power Number(s):

B51-4503668

Bond Amount(s):

\$3,000.00

8. On April 8, 2019, the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued and filed in the case on April 18, 2019, by the Oklahoma County District Court. A true and correct copy

of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Peterson and ACIC with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing.

- 9. Peterson received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on April 19, 2019.
- 10. ACIC received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on April 22, 2019.
- 11. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was July 19, 2019.
- 12. The forfeiture was eventually paid on August 8, 2019, which was approximately 20 days after the forfeiture was due.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

- 13. Peterson has 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.
- 14. ACIC has 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*.
- 15. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(B), any bondsman violating a provision of the Bail Bond Act, 59 O.S. §§ 1301-1341, may be subject to a fine of not less than Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) but not more than Two Thousand and Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) per violation.
 - 16. Pursuant to 36 O.S. § 619, any insurance company violating any provision

of any statute for which the Commissioner has jurisdiction may be subject to a civil penalty of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for each occurrence.

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Peterson and ACIC are <u>each</u> FINED Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars(\$250.00). The fines are to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Conditional Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Failure to comply with a proper order of the 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 either Peterson or ACIC requests a hearing with respect to the Allegations of Fact set forth above within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order, the penalties set forth above shall become a Final Order on the thirty-first (31st) day following the date of mailing this Order. A request for hearing should be in writing and addressed to Sandra LaVenue, 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 thirty (30) days allotted. The proceedings on such requested hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 through 324. Peterson or ACIC serves a timely request for hearing on the Oklahoma Insurance Department, this Conditional Order shall 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.

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this day of August, 2019.



GLEN MULREADY 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 day of August 2019, to:

George Peterson 9912 S. Brookline Ave. Oklahoma City, OK 73159

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American Contractors Indemnity Company 801 S. Figueroa St. Ste 700 Los Angeles, CA 90017

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and a copy was delivered to:

Lewis Garrison **Bail Bonds Division**

Senior Counsel



September 17, 2019

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