## BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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# 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 his counsel, Sara Worten, and alleges and states as follows:

## **JURISDICTION**

- 1. Glen Mulready is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and 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 Producer Licensing Act, 36 O.S. § 1435.1 et seq.
- 2. Respondent Andrew Arnold ("Respondent Arnold") holding license number 40002700, is licensed by the State of Oklahoma as a resident insurance producer as defined and required by 36 O.S. § 1435.2(7). His address of record is 13140 N. MacArthur Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73142.
- 3. Respondent Casey Scott ("Respondent Scott") holding license number 40100587, was licensed by the State of Oklahoma as a resident insurance producer as defined and required by 36 O.S. § 1435.2(7). Her license expired May 2019 and she has applied for renewal of her resident

insurance producer license. Respondent Scott's residence address of record is 1036 NW 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Moore, OK 73160.

4. The Insurance Commissioner may place on probation, censure, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act and/or may levy a fine up to \$1,000.00 for each occurrence of a violation of the Oklahoma Insurance Code. 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A) and (D).

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. On or about January 28, 2020, the Anti-Fraud Unit of the Oklahoma Insurance Department (the "Department") received a request for investigation of Respondent Arnold and Respondent Scott due to a compliant received from State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company ("State Farm").
- 2. Investigator Jon Huntington, an investigator with the Department, was assigned to investigate the matter.
- 3. The complaint received alleged that Respondent Arnold and Respondent Scott had engaged in data quote manipulation.
- 4. The investigation revealed that both Respondent Arnold and Respondent Scott had a practice of manipulating the data entered into the State Farm quoting system to either make a potential client eligible for car insurance or lower the premium for car insurance.
  - 5. The Respondents would accomplish this by:
    - a. Adding drivers who were not exposures on the vehicle(s); and/or
    - b. Removing drivers who had records that would either disqualify them from obtaining insurance from State Farm or would result in a higher premium rate.

- 6. Pursuant to the provisions of 36 O.S. § 1435.13, the Insurance Commissioner may place on probation, censure, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Producer Licensing Act or may levy a civil penalty in accordance with subsection D of this section or any combination of actions for using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere.
- 7. In addition to or in lieu of any applicable denial, probation, censure, suspension or revocation of a license, a person may, after opportunity for hearing, be subject to a civil fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) for each occurrence. Said penalty may be enforced in the same manner in which civil judgments may be enforced. *36 O.S.* § 1435.13 (D)

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Respondents violated 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A)(8) by using dishonest practices in the conduct of business in this state by manipulating data input into State Farm's quoting system in an effort to obtain lower premium rates for potential customers and/or qualify potential customers for insurance through State Farm.

### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Insurance Commissioner that Respondents are is hereby CENSURED and each FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) for violation of 36 O.S. § 1435.13(A)(1). The Respondents' each individual \$500.00 fine is to be paid within thirty (30) days made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. The \$500.00 civil fine shall be paid by money order or cashier's check. Failure to pay the civil fine or request a hearing within thirty (30) days will result in your license application being withdrawn.

**IT IS FURTHER ORERED** that each Respondent is required to complete **three** (3) hours of continuing education in ethics within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this order. Respondent Scott's application for a resident insurance producer license may be granted upon receipt of payment of the fine and completion of the 3 hours of ethics.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless the Respondents request a hearing with respect to the Findings 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 will 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 Sara A. Worten, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 400 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. The request for hearing must state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order.

Any such hearing will be conducted according to the procedures for contested cases under the Insurance Code and 75 O.S. § 250-323. If the Respondent(s) serves a timely request for hearing on the Oklahoma Insurance Department, this Conditional Order will act as notice of the matters to be reviewed at the hearing, and the Findings of Fact, Violations of Law, and penalties imposed in this Conditional Order will be considered withdrawn, pending final resolution at the hearing.

# WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September 2020.





GLEN MULREADY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

/s/ Sara Worten Sara A. Worten Assistant General Counsel 400 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73105 (405) 521-2746

## **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I, Sara A. Worten, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Consent was sent by electronic mail and mailed by first class U.S. Mail and by certified mail with postage prepaid and return receipt requested on this day of September 2020 to:

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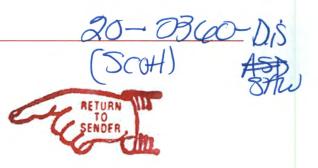
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Jon Huntington Anti-Fraud Team Courtney Phillips/Producer Licensing Division

/s/ Sara Wroten
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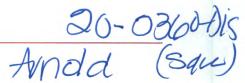
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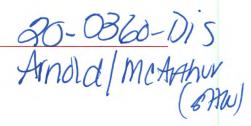
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