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address of record is 104 N. Oak St., Sallisaw, Oklahoma 74955-4638.

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.

5. Pursuant to 59 O.S. § 1310(A), the Insurance Commissioner may deny, censure, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act.

6. 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.

#### **ALLEGATIONS OF FACT**

7. On or about March 28, 2020, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

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| Defendant:       | Isaac Taylor Beard |
| Case Number(s):  | CM-2020-1656       |
| City/County:     | Oklahoma County    |
| Surety:          | Raymond Merrill    |
| Bondsman:        | Melanie Bradford   |
| Power Number(s): | MB 5 33908         |
| Bond Amount(s):  | \$1,000.00         |

8. On or about September 16, 2020, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond were declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about September 29, 2020 by the Oklahoma County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent Bradford and Respondent Merrill with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing.

9. Respondent Bradford received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on or about October 5, 2020.

10. Respondent Merrill received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on or about October 1, 2020.

11. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was January 4, 2020.

12. The forfeiture was not paid timely, and the Defendant was not timely returned to custody.

### **ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF LAW**

13. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. §§ 1310(A)(2) and (A)(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 Okla. Admin. Code §§ 365:25-5-40(b) and 365:25-5-41.

14. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(6), (A)(9) and (A)(28) by failing to comply with the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.

### **ORDER**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Respondent Bradford and Respondent Merrill are **each FINED Two Hundred 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. The fines may be paid by check, cashier's check, or money order. If the fines are not paid **within thirty (30) days of the date of this Conditional Order**, 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 Oklahoma County Court Clerk in Oklahoma County case number CM-2020-1656, *State v. Isaac Taylor Beard*. If the forfeiture is not paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Conditional Order, the Oklahoma Insurance Department is ordered to withdraw the face amount of the bond from Respondent Merrill's multi-county agent bail bondsman certificate of deposit and forward it to the Oklahoma 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 Respondent Bradford or Respondent Merrill requests a hearing with respect to the Allegations of Fact set forth above within **thirty (30) days of the date of mailing of this Conditional Order**, the penalties set forth above will become a **Final Order** on the thirty-first (31<sup>st</sup>) day following the date of mailing of this Order. A request for hearing should be in writing and addressed to Kayla M. Rochelle, 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 this Conditional Order and must be served on the Oklahoma Insurance Department within the thirty (30) days allotted. Upon such request, a hearing shall be conducted before an independent hearing examiner.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O.S. §§ 1301 *et seq.* and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 *et seq.* If either Respondent Bradford or Respondent Merrill 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021.



GLEN MULREADY  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

s/ Kayla M. Rochelle  
Kayla M. Rochelle, OBA #34014  
Assistant General Counsel  
Oklahoma Insurance Department  
400 NE 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73105  
Telephone: (405) 521-2748

**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 certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, and electronic mail on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2021 to:

Melanie C. Bradford  
217 N. Harvey  
Ste 504  
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO.** 7020 2450 0000 1482 8575

[mjohnsonbailbonds@gmail.com](mailto:mjohnsonbailbonds@gmail.com)

Raymond Lee Merrill  
104 N. Oak St.  
Sallisaw, OK 74955-4638

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO.** 7020 2450 0000 1482 8582

[rm@merrillbonding.com](mailto:rm@merrillbonding.com)

and a copy was delivered to:

Bail Bonds Division

  
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Kayla M. Rochelle

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