BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. GLEN MULREADY, Insurance Commissioner,	MAR 3 0 2021
Petitioner, vs.	MAR 30 2021 (MSURANCE COMMISSIONER)
ANTHONY D'ANTE EDWARDS , a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)) CASE NO. 21-0115-DIS
AND)
CURTIS WAYNE PLETCHER, a multicounty agent bondsman licensed in the state of Oklahoma,)))
Respondents.)

AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. Glen Mulready, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel, Antuanya "Bo" DeBose, 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. §§ 1301-1340.
- 2. Respondent Anthony D'ante Edwards ("Respondent Edwards") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 100299511. Respondent Edwards' address of record is 9017 N. University Ave, Apt. 19103, Oklahoma City, OK 73114-4321.
- 3. Respondent Curtis Wayne Pletcher ("Respondent Pletcher") is a multicounty agent bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199574. Respondent Pletcher's address of record is PO Box 66, Springer, Oklahoma 73458-0066.

- 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(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 \$250.00 nor more than \$2,500.00 for each occurrence.
- 6. If Respondents 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 Respondents.
- 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

8. On or about February 23, 2018, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Ryan Garrett Jones

Case Number(s):

CM-2017-3084

City/County:

Oklahoma County

Surety:

Curtis Wayne Pletcher

Bondsman:

Anthony Edwards

Power Number(s):

104535

Bond Amount(s):

\$5,000.00

9. On or about October 30, 2020 the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about November 9, 2020 by the Oklahoma County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture

was mailed to Respondent Edwards and Respondent Pletcher to their address of record with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing.

- 10. Respondent Edwards' copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was unclaimed.
- 11. Respondent Pletcher's copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received November 13, 2020.
- 12. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was February 12, 2021.
- 13. The Defendant was returned to custody February 19, 2021, which was untimely.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 14. Respondents have violated 59 O.S. 1310(A)(6) 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 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. Respondent Edwards has violated 59 O.S. §1310(A)(32) by failing to accept or claim the certified copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture from Oklahoma County that was mailed to the mailing address on file with the Insurance Department.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent Edwards and Respondent Pletcher are both FINED \$500.00. The fine shall be paid within 30 days of the date of this Conditional Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department located at 400 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. Failure to comply with a proper order of the Commissioner will result in further administrative action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless Respondents request a hearing with respect to the Findings of Fact set forth above within 30 days of the date of this Conditional Order, the penalties set forth above will 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 Antuanya "Bo" DeBose, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 400 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112. The request for hearing must state the grounds for the request to set aside or modify the Order and must 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 Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 et seq., and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 through 324. If Respondent Edwards or Respondent Plecther serves 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 Findings of Fact, Conclusions 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 _30

day of <u>March</u> 2021.

GLEN MULREADY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Antuanya "Bo" DeBose Assistant General Counsel

Oklahoma Insurance Department

400 NE 50th Street

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73112

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 30 day of March, 2021, to:

Anthony D'Ante Edwards 9017 N. University Ave, Apt. 19103 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73114-4321

Curtis Wayne Pletcher PO Box 66 Springer, Oklahoma 73458-0066

and a copy was delivered to:

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Antuanya "Bo" DeBose Assistant General Counsel



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