

**BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

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INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. GLEN
MULREADY, Insurance Commissioner,

Petitioner,

vs.

GREGORY ALLEN BATES, a licensed bail
bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,

AND

SUN SURETY INSURANCE COMPANY, an
insurance company licensed to act as a bail surety
in the State of Oklahoma,

Respondents.

CASE NO. 21-0573-DIS

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, 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 Gregory Allen Bates (“Respondent Bates”) is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199085. Respondent Bates’ address of record is PO Box 1211, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101-1211.
3. Respondent Sun Surety Insurance Company (“Respondent Sun Surety”) is an insurance company licensed to act as a bail surety in the State of Oklahoma holding NAIC Cocode 10909.

Respondent Sun Surety's address of record is PO Box 2373, Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-2373.

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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

7. On or about November 20, 2020, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:	Antonio Terrell Reed
Case Number(s):	CF-2017-7046
City/County:	Oklahoma County
Surety:	Sun Surety Insurance Company
Bondsman:	Gregory Allen Bates
Power Number(s):	SS-15-46738
Bond Amount(s):	\$10,000.00

8. On or about July 8, 2021 the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about July 19, 2021 by the Oklahoma County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent Bates and Respondent Sun Surety to their address of record with return

receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing.

9. Respondent Bates' copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received July 21, 2021.

10. Respondent Sun Surety's copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received July 22, 2021.

11. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was October 20, 2021.

12. The forfeiture was untimely paid October 21, 2021.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13. 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*.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Insurance Commissioner that Respondent Bates and Respondent Sun Surety are each **FINED \$250.00**. The fines are to 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 either Respondent Bates or Respondent Sun Surety 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 either Respondent Bates or Respondent Sun Surety serve 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 14th day of December 2021.



GLEN MULREADY
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Antuanya “Bo” DeBose
Assistant General Counsel
Oklahoma Insurance Department
400 NE 50th Street
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 73105
(405) 522-4805

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 14th day of December, 2021, to:

Gregory Allen Bates
PO Box 1211
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74101-1211

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Sun Surety Insurance Company
PO Box 2373
Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-2373

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and a copy was delivered to:

Bail Bonds Division



Antuanya "Bo" DeBose
Assistant General Counsel



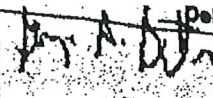
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