BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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MULREADY, Insurance Commissioner,	
Petitioner,)))))))))))))))))))
VS.)
LADONNA C. HOBBS, a licensed bail bondsman)
in the State of Oklahoma,) CASE NO. 22-0082-DIS
AND) 22-0083-DIS) 22-0084-DIS
AND) 22-0084-DIS) 22-0085-DIS
JAMES KEITH EGGENBERG, a multicounty) 22-0104-DIS
agent bondsman licensed in the State of Oklahoma,) 22-0105-DIS
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Respondents.)

FINAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

On May 4, 2022, a show cause hearing was held at the Oklahoma Insurance Department ("OID") on OID's Notice of Hearing and Order to Show Cause ("Notice"), filed March 24, 2022. The hearing was held at the offices of OID before Independent Hearing Examiner Stephan Mathis. Present at the hearing were Antuanya "Bo" DeBose, Assistant General Counsel for OID and Lewis Garrison, Director of Bail for OID. Respondent Ladonna C. Hobbs ("Respondent Hobbs") and Respondent James Keith Eggenberg ("Respondent Eggenberg") appeared pro se.

Witnesses were sworn and testified, exhibits were admitted, and argument of the parties heard.

PROCEDURAL FINDINGS

- 1. That the OID has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action pursuant to the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. \$\$101-7401, and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act, 59 O.S. \$\$1301-1340.
- 2. That the Insurance Commissioner has the authority to render an Order concerning the above styled matter and has lawfully appointed Independent Hearing Examiner, Stephan Mathis, who shall sit as a quasi-judicial officer pursuant to 59 O.S. §1311.1.
- 3. That Respondent Hobbs is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199626. Respondent Hobbs' address of record is PO Box 366, Calera, Oklahoma 74730-0366.
- 4. That Respondent Eggenberg is a multicounty agent bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199991. Respondent Eggenberg's address of record is PO Box 1562, Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402-1562.
- 5. That pursuant to 59 O.S. §1310(A)(28), the Insurance Commissioner may deny, censure, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act for failing to pay any fees to a district court clerk as required by this title.
- 6. That 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.
- 7. That Petitioner afforded both Respondents an opportunity for hearing by sending the *Notice* by certified mail, return receipt requested, and by first class U.S. mail on March 24, 2022. The *Notice*, filed on March 24, 2022, stated the matters asserted, and stated the

time, place, and nature of the hearing, cited legal authority and jurisdiction, and referred to particular sections of the statutes involved.

8. The hearing was recorded electronically by an employee of the Oklahoma Insurance Department. Neither party requested a full stenographic record of the proceedings.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND STUPULATIONS

- 9. The following exhibits were stipulated to by the parties and admitted:
 - a. Exhibit A: Bail Division Memorandum for Brandon Castor
 - i. A-1: Notice of Non-Payment of Bond Forfeiture for Brandon Castor
 - ii. A-2: Appearance Bond for Brandon Castor
 - iii. A-3: Order and Judgement of Forfeiture for Brandon Castor
 - iv. A-4: Green Card Return for Respondent Hobbs
 - v. A-5: Greed Card Return for Respondent Eggenberg
 - b. Exhibit B: Bail Division Memorandum for Lee Heady
 - i. B-1: Notice of Non-Payment of Bond Forfeiture for Lee Heady
 - ii. B-2: Appearance Bond for Lee Heady
 - iii. B-3: Order and Judgement of Forfeiture for Lee Heady
 - iv. B-4: Green Card Return for Respondent Hobbs
 - v. B-5: Green Card Return for Respondent Eggenberg
 - c. Exhibit C: Bail Division Memorandum for Savanah Allen
 - i. C-1: Notice of Non-Payment of Bond Forfeiture for Savanah Allen
 - ii. C-2: Appearance Bond for Savanah Allen
 - iii. C-3: Order and Judgement of Forfeiture for Savanah Allen
 - iv. C-4: Green Card Return for Respondent Hobbs
 - v. C-5: Green Card Return for Respondent Eggenberg
 - d. Exhibit D: Bail Division Memorandum for Krystal Wilson
 - i. D-1: Notice of Non Payment of Bond Forfeiture for Krystal Wilson
 - ii. D-2: Appearance Bond for Krystal Wilson
 - iii. D-3: Order and Judgement of Forfeiture for Krystal Wilson
 - iv. D-4: Green Card Return for Respondent Hobbs
 - v. D-5: Green Card Return for Respondent Eggenberg
 - e. Exhibit E: Bail Division Memorandum for Kent Hunter
 - i. E-1: Notice of Non-Payment of Bond Forfeiture for Kent Hunter
 - ii. E-2: Appearance Bond for Kent Hunter
 - iii. E-3: Order and Judgement of Forfeiture for Kent Hunter
 - iv. E-4: Green Card Return for Respondent Hobbs
 - v. E-5: Green Card Return for Respondent Eggenberg
 - f. Exhibit F: Bail Division Memorandum for Remington Barton
 - i. F-1: Notice of Non-Payment of Bond Forfeiture for Remington Barton

- ii. F-2: Appearance Bond for Remington Barton
- iii. F-3: Order and Judgement of Forfeiture for Remington Barton
- iv. F-4: Green Card Return for Respondent Hobbs
- v. F-5: Green Card Return for Respondent Eggenberg
- g. Exhibit R-1: Order to Exonerate Bond & Vacate Forfeiture Brandon Castor
- h. Exhibit R-2: Order to Exonerate Bond & Vacate Forfeiture Savanah Allen
- i. Exhibit R-3: Order to Exonerate Bond and Vacate Forfeiture Krystal Wilson
- i. Exhibit R-4: Order to Exonerate Bond and Vacate Forfeiture Kent Hunter
- k. Exhibit R-5: Order to Exonerate Bond and Vacate Forfeiture Remington Barton
- 10. The following witnesses were sworn and testified under oath:
 - a. Lewis Garrison, OID Director of Bail
 - b. Ladonna Hobbs, Respondent
 - c. Keith Eggenberg, Respondent

Case No. 20-0082-DIS

11. On or about April 15, 2021, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Brandon Eugene Castor

Case Number(s):

CF-2020-0327

City/County:

Bryan County

Surety:

James Keith Eggenberg

Bondsman:

Ladonna C. Hobbs

Power Number(s):

A05-06230

Bond Amount(s):

\$5,000.00

- 12. On or about July 21, 2021 the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about July 23, 2021 by the Bryan County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent Hobbs and Respondent Eggenberg to their address of record with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing. (See Petitioner's Exhibit A, Exhibit A-1, Exhibit A-3, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 13. Respondent Hobbs' copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received September 24, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit A-4 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

- 14. Respondent Eggenberg's copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received July 27, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit A-5 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 15. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was December 27, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit A-1 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 16. Respondent(s) obtained a Motion & Order to Exonerate Bond & Vacate Forfeiture in this matter on May 3, 2022. (See Respondent's Exhibit R-1)
- 17. The forfeiture was not timely paid, and the Defendant was not timely returned to custody. (See Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

Case No. 22-0083-DIS

18. On or about June 15, 2021, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Lee Harley Heady

Case Number(s):

CF-2017-0175

City/County:

Bryan County

Surety:

James Keith Eggenberg

Bondsman:

Ladonna C. Hobbs

Power Number(s):

A05-06404

Bond Amount(s):

\$5,000.00

19. On or about July 22, 2021, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about July 28, 2021 by the Bryan county District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent Hobbs and Respondent Eggenberg to their address of record with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's

filing. (See Petitioner's Exhibit B, Exhibit B-1, Exhibit B-3, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

Respondent Hobbs received a copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture on 20. or about September 24, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit B, Exhibit B-4, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

21. Respondent Eggenberg received a copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture on or about August 3, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit B, Exhibit B-5, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

22. The ninety first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was December 27, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit B, Exhibit B-1, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

23. The Respondent(s) untimely paid the bond forfeiture in this matter on May 4, 2022.

Case No. 22-0084-DIS

24. On or about July 1, 2021, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Savanah A. Allen

Case Number(s):

CF-2021-0067

City/County:

Bryan County

Surety:

Bondsman:

James Keith Eggenberg Ladonna C. Hobbs

Power Number(s):

A05-06439

Bond Amount(s):

\$3,000.00

25. On or about August 11, 2021 the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about August 16, 2021 by the Bryan County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and

Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent Hobbs and Respondent Eggenberg to their address of record with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing. (See Petitioner's Exhibit C, Exhibit C-1, Exhibit C-3, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

- Respondent Hobbs' copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received 26. September 24, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit C-4 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- Respondent Eggenberg's copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was 27. received September 8, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit C-5 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment was December 28. 27, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit C, Exhibit C-1, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- The Respondent's obtained a Motion and Order to Exonerate the bond in this matter 29. on May 3, 2022. (See Respondent's Exhibit R-2)
- The forfeiture was not timely paid, and the Defendant was not timely returned to 30. custody.

Case No. 22-0085-DIS

On or about July 14, 2021, an appearance bond was executed as follows: 31.

Defendant:

Krystal Lee Wilson

Case Number(s):

CM-2019-0629

City/County:

Bryan County

Surety:

James Keith Eggenberg

Bondsman: Power Number(s): Ladonna C. Hobbs

A05-06472

Bond Amount(s):

\$500.00

32. On or about July 14, 2021 the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about July 22, 2021 by the Bryan County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent Hobbs and Respondent Eggenberg to their address of record with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing. (See Petitioner's Exhibit D, Exhibit D-1, Exhibit D-3, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

- 33. Respondent Hobbs' copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received September 24, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit D-4 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 34. Respondent Eggenberg's copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received July 27, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit D-5 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 35. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was December 27, 2021. (See <u>Petitioner's Exhibit D</u>, <u>Exhibit D-1</u>, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 36. The Respondent(s) obtained a Motion and Order to Exonerate the bond in this matter on May 3, 2022. (See Respondent's Exhibit R-3)
- 37. The forfeiture was not timely paid, and the Defendant was not timely returned to custody.

Case No. 22-0104-DIS

38. On or about March 24, 2021, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Kent Hunter

Case Number(s):

CF-2021-0079

City/County:

Bryan County

Surety:

James Keith Eggenberg

Bondsman:

Ladonna C. Hobbs

Power Number(s):

A05-06241

Bond Amount(s):

\$5,000.00

39. On or about April 21, 2021 the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was

declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about April 30, 2021 by the Bryan County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent Hobbs and Respondent Eggenberg to their address of record with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing. (See Petitioner's Exhibit E, Exhibit E-1, Exhibit E-3, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)

- 40. Respondent Hobbs' copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received May 18, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit E-4 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 41. Respondent Eggenberg's copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received May 10, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit E-5 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 42. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was August 17, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit E, Exhibit E-1, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 43. The Respondent(s) obtained a Motion and Order of exoneration of the bond in this matter on May 3, 2022. (See Respondent's Exhibit R-4)
- 44. The forfeiture was not timely paid, and the Defendant was not timely returned to custody.

Case No. 22-0105-DIS

45. On or about April 7, 2021, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Remington Chance Barton

Case Number(s):

CM-2021-0087

City/County:

Bryan County

Surety:

Keith James Eggenberg

Bondsman:

Ladonna C. Hobbs

Power Number(s):

A05-06255

Bond Amount(s):

\$500.00

- 46. On or about May 20, 2021 the Defendant failed to appear and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued on or about June 3, 2021 by the Bryan County District Court. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondent Hobbs and Respondent Eggenberg to their address of record with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the Order's filing. (See Petitioner's Exhibit F, Exhibit F-1, Exhibit F-3, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 47. Respondent Hobbs' copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received July 12, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit F-4 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 48. Respondent Eggenberg's copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture was received June 28, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit F-5 and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 49. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was October 11, 2021. (See Petitioner's Exhibit F, Exhibit F-1, and Testimony of Lewis Garrison)
- 50. The Respondent(s) obtained a Motion and Order of Exoneration of bond in this matter on May 3, 2022. (See Respondent's Exhibit R-5)
- 51. The forfeiture was not timely paid, and the Defendant was not timely returned to custody.
- 52. Pursuant to 59 O.S. §1332(C)(1), the bail bondsman shall have ninety (90) days from receipt of the order and judgement of forfeiture from the court clerk or mailing of the notice if no receipt is made to return the defendant to custody.
- Pursuant to 59 O.S. §1332(D)(1), if, within ninety (90) days from receipt of the order and judgement of forfeiture from the court clerk, or mailing of the notice if no receipt is made, the defendant is not returned to custody, or the forfeiture has not been stayed, the

bondsman and, if applicable, the insurer whose risk it is shall deposit cash or other valuable securities in the face amount of the bond with the court clerk ninety-one (91) days from receipt of the order and judgement of forfeiture from the court clerk, or mailing of the notice if no receipt is made.

- 54. Pursuant to 59 O.S. §1310(A)(28), the Insurance Commissioner may deny, censure, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued pursuant to the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act for failing to pay any fees to a district court clerk as are required by this title or failing to pay any fess to a municipal court clerk as are required by this title or by Section 28-127 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes.
- 55. 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.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the provided findings of fact there is clear and convincing evidence to find that Respondent Hobbs and Respondent Eggenberg have violated 59 O.S. §§ 1310(A)(2) and (A)(28) on six (6) occasions by failing to return the defendant(s) 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).

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Respondent Hobbs and Respondent Eggenberg are each CENSURED and FINED One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars

(\$1,500.00) and are ordered to pay the costs of the proceeding in the amount of **Three Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$350.00).** The fine and court costs shall be submitted to the Oklahoma Insurance Department within thirty (30) days of the date of this Final Administrative Order and made payable to the Oklahoma Insurance Department. The fine shall be sent to the Oklahoma Insurance Department located at 400 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. Failure to comply with a proper order of the Commissioner will result in further administrative action



Dated this day of May 2022.

Stephan Mathis

INDEPENDENT HEARING EXAMINER OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Ladonna C. Hobbs PO Box 366 Calera, Oklahoma 74730-0366

James Keith Eggenberg PO Box 1562 Ardmore, Oklahoma 73402-1562

and that a copy was delivered to:

Bail Division

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 9214 8902 0982 7500 0460 37

CERTIFIED MAIL NO: 9214 8902 0982 7500 0460 44

Antuanya "Bo" DeBose