BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. GLEN	
MULREADY, Insurance Commissioner,) AUG 0 8 2023
Petitioner, vs.	INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OKLAHOMA
IRIS LATISHIA LAWSON, a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma,)) CASE NO. 23-0432-DIS
AND)
CURTIS WAYNE PLETCHER, a multicounty agent bondsman licensed in the State of	
Oklahoma, Respondents.)))

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, Andrea M. Golden, 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. Iris Latishia Lawson, ("Respondent Lawson") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 100240992. Respondent Lawson's address of record is 215 West Main Street, Purcell, Oklahoma 73080.
- 3. 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 P.O. 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

7. On or about February 16, 2023, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:

Dane Lee Armstrong

Case Number(s):

CM-2021-626

City/County:

Oklahoma County

Surety: Bondsman: Curtis Wayne Pketcher Iris Litishia Lawson

Power Number(s):

169572

Bond Amount(s):

\$1,000.00

8. On or about March 8, 2023, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was declared

forfeited. The Oklahoma County District Court issued an Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on or

about March 15, 2023. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed

to Respondent Lawson and Respondent Pletcher at their respective address of record with return

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

9. On March 17, 2023, Respondent Lawson received a copy of the Order and Judgement of

Forfeiture.

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- 10. On March 17, 2023, Respondent Pletcher received a copy of the Order and Judgement of Forfeiture.
- 11. The ninety-first (91st) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was June 16, 2023.
- 12. As of the date of this Order, the forfeiture remains unpaid; the forfeiture was not timely paid, and the Defendant was not timely returned to custody.

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 ninety-one (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 Lawson is FINED Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and that Respondent Pletcher is FINED Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). 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 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED by the Insurance Commissioner that this Order is a Conditional Order. Unless either Respondent requests a hearing with respect to the Findings of Fact set forth above within thirty (30) days of the date of this Conditional Order, the penalties set forth above will become a Final Order on the thirty-first (31st) day following the date of mailing this Order. A request for hearing should be in writing and

addressed to Andrea M. Golden, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 400 NE 50th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105. 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 thirty (30) days allotted. The proceedings on such requested hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Oklahoma Insurance Code, 36 O.S. §§ 101 - 7401, and the Oklahoma Administrative Procedures Act, 75 O.S. §§ 250 through 324. If either 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 day of August 2023.

GLEN MULREADY INSURANCE COMMISSIONER STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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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 sent via e-mail and by certified mail, with postage prepaid and return receipt requested, on this day of August 2023 to:

Iris Latishia Lawson 215 W. Main St. Purcell, OK 73080

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7017 1070 0001 1036 7746

getloosebailbonds@gmail.com

Curtiss Wayne Pletcher P.O. BOX 66 Springer, OK 73458-0066 curtpletcher@gmail.com

and a copy was delivered to:

Bail Bonds Division

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7017 1070 0001 1036 7753

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