

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

IN THE MATTER OF
MELINDA J. ALLISON

A.I.D. NO. 2012- 044

CONSENT ORDER

On this day, Jay Bradford, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”), and Melinda J. Allison (“Respondent”) agree to enter into this Consent Order for the reasons stated below. From the facts and law before the Commissioner, he finds:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the parties and subject matter pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 23-61-103.

2. Respondent is an Arkansas Resident Producer, license number 14794, and on November 9, 2011, she submitted to the Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) a completed license renewal application. A question on the application (specifically, question 1) required Respondent to state whether she had been convicted of or charged with a crime since the date of the last license renewal. Respondent answered the question “yes.”

3. Respondent was arrested on July 26, 2011, at Dillard’s, a department store in North Little Rock, Arkansas, for theft of property. On September 8, 2011, Respondent was found guilty of theft of property, a misdemeanor, and ordered to pay fines and court costs in the amount of \$740.00.

4. Respondent did not report the arrest or conviction to the Department, and the matter was referred to the Legal Division of the Department for further investigation as to any violation of Arkansas Code Annotated § 23-64-517, which requires a producer to report to the

Department any action taken against the producer by a governmental agency and any plea entered in court in a criminal prosecution.

5. On December 15, 2011, Respondent appeared for an Investigative Conference at the Department, and she fully admitted, under oath, that she was arrested for theft of property on July 26, 2011, was found guilty of theft of property, a misdemeanor, on September 8, 2011, and failed to report the arrest or conviction to the Department within thirty (30) days of the arrest or conviction. Respondent was fully cooperative and accepted responsibility for violating Arkansas law and the requirements of the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

6. Respondent's criminal conviction is a violation of Arkansas Code Annotated § 23-64-512(a)(2), (8), and Respondent's failure to notify the Department of the arrest and conviction for theft of property within thirty (30) days of the action is a violation of Arkansas Code Annotated § 23-64-517.

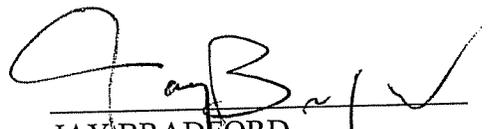
THE PARTIES HAVE AGREED THAT:

- A. Respondent shall be allowed to retain her Arkansas Producer's License. However, Respondent will be placed on Probation for two (2) full years of licensure.
- B. Respondent understands that Respondent's conviction information will be open to the public pursuant to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act of 1967, Arkansas Code Annotated §§ 25-19-101, *et. seq.*
- C. Respondent understands that this Consent Order will be provided to the National Association of Insurance Commissioner and will be accessible by other states.

D. Respondent understands that this Consent Order may be used in any future administrative proceedings brought against Respondent by the Commissioner.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 26th day of January, 2012.


MELINDA J. ALLISON


JAY BRADFORD
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER