

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
FOR THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

ARKANSAS INSURANCE DEPARTMENT )  
PETITIONER )  
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VS. )  
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JOSEPH HIBBARD )  
NPN 17073928 )  
RESPONDENT )  
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A.I.D. NO. 2020- 58

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REVOCATION ORDER

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On this day, the matter of the producer’s license of Joseph Hibbard (“Respondent”) came before Alan McClain, Arkansas Insurance Commissioner (“Commissioner”). A hearing was held on January 28, 2020, in the First Floor Hearing Room of the Arkansas Insurance Department (“Department”) pursuant to the Notice of Hearing dated January 14, 2020. The hearing was held before Russ Galbraith, Chief Deputy Commissioner, with the Arkansas Insurance Department (“Hearing Officer”) pursuant to his appointment by the Commissioner in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-61-103(e)(1). The Department was represented by Gray Allen Turner, Associate Counsel. The Respondent did not appear.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a resident of Pope County.
2. Respondent holds an Arkansas insurance producer license, NPN 17073928.
3. On or about October 8, 2019, the Pope County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office filed a criminal information charging Respondent with felony theft of property.
4. Respondent failed to disclose to the Department the filing of the felony information within thirty days as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-201.
5. On December 2, 2019, Respondent entered a plea of guilty in the Pope County Circuit Court, case 58CR-19-922, to theft of property, Ark. Code Ann. § 5-36-103, a felony. He was placed on probation for four years and ordered to pay restitution to Allstate in the amount of \$1233.90.

6. The Department suspended his insurance producer license on January 13, 2020.

7. Respondent was sent notice of hearing on January 14, 2020, by regular and certified mail to his last known address provided to the Department.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

From the Findings of Fact contained herein, the Commissioner concludes as follows:

1. The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction pursuant to the Arkansas Insurance Code, specifically Ark. Code Ann. §§ 23-64-101 *et seq.*

2. Under the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 23-64-512(a)(6), the conviction of a felony is grounds for revocation of an insurance producer's license. Respondent violated § 23-64-512(a)(6) after being convicted of felony theft of property.

### RECOMMENDATION OF HEARING OFFICER

WHEREFORE, upon consideration of the evidence of record and the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Hearing officer recommends the following:

That the Arkansas insurance producer license of the Respondent be revoked.



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Russ Galbraith  
Hearing Officer

### CERTIFICATION

I, Alan McClain, Insurance Commissioner for the State of Arkansas, do hereby certify that the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and

Recommendation of the Hearing Officer were made by and under my authority and supervision by Russ Galbraith, Hearing Officer in this proceeding. I hereby adopt the Hearing Officer's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Recommendation in full, as set forth herein.

THEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED that the Arkansas producer license of Joseph Hibbard, NPN 17073928, is revoked.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 12<sup>th</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER, 2020.

  
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ALAN MCCLAIN  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
STATE OF ARKANSAS