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Illinois Department of Insurance Disciplinary Report for November 2014

SPRINGFIELD - December 29, 2014. The Illinois Department of Insurance today announced the following disciplinary actions:

Jerome F. Atkinson, Elmhurst - Stipulation and Consent Order issued effective November 6, 2014. Mr. Atkinson has been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty insurance since 1985. The Order, which includes a \$2,500 civil penalty and corrective orders, alleges Mr. Atkinson failed to remit premiums on behalf of a consumer.

Cherish Bittle, Springfield - Insurance producer license suspended effective November 7, 2014. Ms. Bittle has been licensed to sell life insurance since 2013. The suspension was based on a certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) that she was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Ms. Bittle proves she has paid the delinquency or has entered into a payment arrangement with HFS.

Anthony W. Boria, Joliet - Insurance limited lines license suspended effective November 7, 2014. Mr. Boria has been licensed as a limited lines producer since 2006. The suspension was based on a certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) that he was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Boria proves he has paid the delinquency or has entered into a payment arrangement with HFS.

Ricky Fecht, Gurnee - Navigator In-Person Counselor certification application denied effective November 7, 2014. Mr. Fecht's application for certification was denied pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0434 after an investigation which revealed he had been convicted of misdemeanor violations (Resisting a Peace Officer) in 2012; (Attempted Possession of Drug Paraphernalia) in 2008; (Attempted Forgery) in 2008; (Domestic Battery) in 1998; (Resisting a Peace Officer) in 1990; and (Criminal Sexual Abuse) in 1989. The Order, which sustained a previously issued letter of denial, also required that he pay \$348 in hearing costs.

Lon R. Harrelson, Woodstock - Insurance producer license denied effective November 21, 2014. Mr. Harrelson's application for license was denied pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0436 after an investigation which revealed in 2005 he was convicted two felonies (Possession of Cocaine and Obtaining Property Under False Pretenses) and one misdemeanor (Possession of Drug Paraphernalia). The Order, which sustained a previously issued letter of denial, also required that he pay \$261.00 in hearing costs.

Todd Maynor, Congerville - Insurance producer license denied effective November 5, 2014. Mr. Maynor's application for license was denied pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0492 after an investigation which revealed he was convicted of a felony (Unlawful Restraint) and two misdemeanors (Battery and Criminal Trespass) in 1998; and a misdemeanor (Unlawful Sale of Alcoholic Liquor to a Minor) in 2013. The Order, which sustained a previously issued letter of denial, also required that he pay \$317.00 in hearing costs.

Gulzar Suteria, Lincolnwood - Insurance producer license revoked effective November 6, 2014. Ms. Suteria had been licensed to sell life and health insurance since 2012. Her license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0534 after an investigation which revealed allegations she fraudulently represented herself as the consumer to the insurer's underwriting personnel to confirm information on life insurance applications. The Order of Revocation superseded the civil penalty previously issued in this matter so no civil penalty is due, but required she pay \$229.50 in hearing costs.

More Information

The Department's mission is to protect consumers by providing assistance and information, by efficiently regulating the insurance industry's market behavior and financial solvency, and by fostering a competitive insurance marketplace. The Illinois Department of Insurance assists consumers with all insurance complaints, including health, auto, life, and homeowner. Consumers in need of information or assistance should visit the Department's web site at insurance.illinois.gov or call our toll-free hotline at (866) 445-5364.

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