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Illinois Department of Insurance Disciplinary Report for July and August 2014

SPRINGFIELD – September 30, 2014. The Illinois Department of Insurance today announced the following disciplinary actions:

Leticia Abrego, Chicago - Public adjuster license revoked effective July 21, 2014. Ms. Abrego had been licensed as a public adjuster since 2005. Her license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0159 after an investigation that revealed she provided untrue information on six public adjuster renewal applications, failed to disclose to the Department she was convicted of a misdemeanor (Violating an Order of Protection) in 2000, and submitted dishonored checks to the Department. The Order of Revocation also required she pay \$408.00 in hearing costs.

Hilda Acevedo, Carpentersville - Insurance producer license revoked effective July 6, 2014. Ms. Acevedo had been licensed to sell life, health and casualty insurance since 2012. Her license was revoked based on an investigation that revealed she failed to remit premium monies to an insurer on a timely basis, misrepresented terms of a proposed contract and failed to aid the Director in an investigation. She still owes an insurance premium of \$385.34 to an insurer. The Order of Revocation also included a \$6,000 civil penalty.

Robert Bishop, Henderson, NV - Insurance producer license revoked effective July 10, 2014. Mr. Bishop had been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty insurance since 1996. His license was revoked based on an investigation that revealed he submitted an insurance-related document to an insurer that contained a non-genuine signature and failed to aid the Director in an investigation. The Order of Revocation also included a \$6,000 civil penalty.

David J. Blake, Tower Lakes - Insurance producer license denied effective July 7, 2014. Mr. Blake's application for license was denied pursuant to a Director's Order regarding Hearing No. 14-HR-0029 after an investigation which revealed he was convicted of three felonies (Conspiracy to Commit Mail Fraud, Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering, and Bribery of a Public Official) in 2004. The Order, which sustained a previously issued letter of denial, also required he pay \$578.10 in hearing costs.

Lavon Boyd, Chicago - Insurance producer license revoked effective July 25, 2014. Mr. Boyd had been licensed to sell life and health insurance since 2011. His license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 13-HR-0629 after an investigation which revealed he submitted insurance applications to an insurer without the knowledge and consent of the consumers. Some of the applications submitted also contained false information. The Order of Revocation included a \$12,000 civil penalty and required he pay \$233 in hearing costs.

Jewell Coleman, Bloomington - Insurance producer license denied effective July 16, 2014. Mr. Coleman's application for license was denied pursuant to a Director's Order regarding Hearing No. 14-HR-0314 after an investigation revealed he was convicted of two felonies (Intimidation & Aggravated Unlawful Restraint) in 1999. The Order, which sustained a previously issued letter of denial, also required he pay \$218.50 in hearing costs.

Karolina Debek, Schaumburg - Insurance producer license revoked effective August 15, 2014. Ms. Debek had been licensed to sell life and health insurance since 2010. Her license was revoked based on an investigation that revealed she submitted two life insurance applications to an insurer that contained non-genuine signatures. The Order of Revocation also included a \$2,000 civil penalty.

Joseph R. Fiedler, Oswego - Insurance producer license denied effective August 15, 2014. Mr. Fiedler's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed he was convicted of a felony (Retail Theft) in 1996.

Loletha Gholston, Chicago - Insurance producer license revoked effective August 21, 2014. Ms. Gholston had been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty insurance since 2009. Her license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0234 after an investigation which revealed she failed to repay an insurer under the terms of a previously issued Stipulation and Consent Order from December 2012. The Order of Revocation also included a \$1,000 civil penalty and required she pay \$208.50 in hearing costs.

Jose Gonzalez, Summit - Insurance producer license denied effective July 11, 2014. Mr. Gonzalez's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed that he was convicted of a felony (Criminal Sexual Abuse Force) in 2011.

Charlie Graham, Chicago - Insurance producer license revoked effective August 28, 2014. Mr. Graham had been licensed to sell life and health insurance since 2013. His license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0309 after an investigation which revealed he was convicted of a felony (Record Fraud) in 1989 and provided incorrect, misleading, incomplete and materially untrue information on three applications for producer license. The Order of Revocation also required he pay \$208.50 in hearing costs.

Clifton E. Grisby, Bolingbrook - Insurance producer license suspended effective August 21, 2014. Mr. Grisby has been licensed to sell life insurance since 2009. His license was suspended pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0248 after certification from Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS) he was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The Order, which also required he pay \$194.00 in hearing costs, will remain in effect until Mr. Grisby proves he has paid the delinquency or has entered into a payment arrangement with HFS.

Darlene D. Martin, Chicago - Navigator Certified Application Counselor Certificate application denied effective August 15, 2014. Ms. Martin's application was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that she was convicted of a felony (Theft) in 2001.

Marlyn P. Marquardt, LaGrange - Insurance producer license revoked effective July 25, 2014. Mr. Marquardt had been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty insurance since 1985. His license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0351 after an investigation which revealed he allegedly issued a fraudulent certificate of liability insurance that misrepresented the terms of a proposed insurance contract and used an assumed name to transact business without notifying the Department. The Order of Revocation also required he pay \$317 in hearing costs.

Gene A. Martin, Bolingbrook - Insurance producer license suspended effective August 28, 2014. Mr. Martin has been licensed to sell life and health insurance since 2004. The suspension was based on a certification from the Department of Healthcare and Family Services that Mr. Martin was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order. The suspension will remain in effect until Mr. Martin proves to the satisfaction of the Department that he is not more than 30 days delinquent in paying his child support.

Scott McElwee, Decatur - Insurance producer license denied effective July 12, 2014. Mr. McElwee's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed he was convicted of five felonies (Theft of Property Having a Value in Excess of \$300; Bringing Contraband Into a Non-State Penal Institution; twice for Driving While License Revoked; and Obstructing Justice) between November 1989 and February 2004. Mr. McElwee violated state law by selling, soliciting and negotiating insurance while unlicensed. The investigation revealed he also misappropriated monies and failed to pay an insurer for unearned commissions. In addition to denying his application for license, the Director assessed him a \$12,000 civil penalty.

Charlotte K. Morris & Kathy Morris Insurance, Momence - Insurance producer and business entity licenses revoked effective July 7, 2014. Ms. Morris had been licensed to sell life, health, fire and casualty insurance since 2005. Kathy Morris Insurance had been a licensed business entity since 2008. The licenses were revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 13-HR-0877 after an investigation which revealed she misappropriated premiums, issued a fraudulent certificate of insurance, violated previous Stipulation and Consent Orders, violated the Premium Fund Trust Account recordkeeping requirements and failed to provide all requested information during the investigation. The Order of Revocation also included a \$16,000 civil penalty and required she pay \$492.60 in hearing costs.

Aminah Ndiaye, Chicago - Insurance producer license revoked effective July 21, 2014. Ms. Ndiaye had been licensed as a producer to sell life and health insurance since 2013. Her license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0157 after an investigation which revealed she was convicted of a felony (Theft) in 1996. The Order of Revocation also required she pay \$302.50 in hearing costs.

Jorge A. Paredes, Chicago - Insurance producer license voluntarily revoked effective August 29, 2014. Mr. Paredes had been licensed to sell life insurance since 2014. He accepted the Voluntary Revocation Order to avoid a continued investigation of his insurance related practices. Mr. Paredes is no longer able to effect insurance transactions, without violating Illinois Insurance Code and facing felony charges.

Anthony Pitts, Chicago Heights - Insurance producer license revoked effective July 7, 2014. Mr. Pitts had been licensed to sell life, health and casualty insurance since 2003. His license was revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 13-HR-0805 after an investigation which revealed he allegedly made five unauthorized withdrawals from consumers' checking accounts to pay for insurance premiums. The Order of Revocation also included a \$5,000 civil penalty and required he pay \$134.50 in hearing costs.

Delfina Pontarelli, Chicago and A-Five Star Insurance Agency, Elmwood Park - Insurance producer and business entity licenses revoked effective July 7, 2014. Ms. Pontarelli had been licensed to sell fire, casualty and motor vehicle insurance since 1995. A-Five Star had been a licensed business entity since 2006. The licenses were revoked pursuant to a Director's Order from Hearing No. 14-HR-0232 after an investigation which revealed she failed to provide books and records to the Department and submitted NSF checks to an insurer totaling \$40,570.60. The Order of Revocation included a \$5,000 civil penalty and required she pay \$415 in hearing costs.

Janice M. Rose, Peoria - Insurance producer license denied effective August 27, 2014. Ms. Rose's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed she was convicted of two felonies (Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Cannabis) in 1996.

Pamela Schoonover, Belvidere - Insurance producer license denied effective August 15, 2014. Ms. Schoonover's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed she was convicted of a felony (Unlawful Possession of Cannabis) in 2002.

Joshua A. Schuette, Alton - Insurance producer license revoked effective July 12, 2014. Mr. Schuette had been licensed to sell life, health and variable insurance since 2003. His license was revoked based on an investigation that revealed his insurance producer license was revoked in another state for forging the name of a consumer on an insurance related document. The Order of Revocation also included a \$5,000 civil penalty.

Andre Simpson, Joliet - Insurance producer license denied August 6, 2014. Mr. Simpson's application for license was denied as a result of an investigation that revealed he was convicted of three felonies (Possession of a Stolen Vehicle) in 1984 and (Burglary and Theft by Deception) in 2012. Mr. Simpson also failed to report previous Department administrative action against him on his application. In addition to denying his application for license, the Director assessed him a \$1,000 civil penalty

Yolanda R. Tovar, Bourbonnais - Insurance producer license denied effective July 2, 2014. Ms. Tovar's application for license was denied pursuant to a Director's Order regarding Hearing No. 14-HR-0113 after an investigation which revealed she was convicted of a felony (Aiding and Abetting Theft from a Bank) in 1997. The Order, which sustained a previously issued letter of denial, also required she pay \$218.50 in hearing costs.

Mark Walas, Elk Grove Village - Insurance producer license revoked effective July 14, 2014. Mr. Walas had been licensed to sell life, health, fire, casualty and variable insurance since 2011. His license was revoked based on an investigation that revealed he submitted fraudulent insurance documents to an insurer. The Order of Revocation also included a \$5,000 civil penalty.

More Information

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