

STATE OF INDIANA )  
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COUNTY OF MARION )

BEFORE THE INDIANA  
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE  
CAUSE NUMBER: 10814-BB12-0307-004

IN THE MATTER OF: )  
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Lonnie E. Keefer, )  
Respondent / Bail Agent. )  
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524 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street )  
Logansport, IN 46947 )

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STATE OF INDIANA  
DEPT. OF INSURANCE

Type of Agency Action: Bail Agent Enforcement  
Indiana Bail Agent License No.: 5452

**FINAL ORDER AND APPROVAL**

The Indiana Department of Insurance ("Department"), by its counsel, Robert L. Hummel, and Lonnie E. Keefer ("Respondent"), a licensed bail agent, signed an Agreed Entry which purports to resolve all issues involved in an investigation by the Bail Bond Division ("Division") and which has been submitted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") for approval.

The Commissioner, after reviewing the Agreed Entry, finds it has been entered into fairly and without fraud, duress, or undue influence, and is fair and equitable between the parties. The Commissioner hereby incorporates the Agreed Entry as if fully set forth herein, and approves and adopts in full the Agreed Entry as a resolution of this matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commissioner of Insurance:

1. Respondent shall pay restitution to all eighty-one (81) indemnitors from whom he collected a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee for a total amount of two

thousand and twenty-five dollars (\$2,025.00) within thirty (30) days after the date of this Final Order.

2. Respondent shall submit copies of all checks or money orders used to pay restitution to the Division, attention Investigator Mike Herndon, within thirty (30) days after the date the Commissioner signs the Final Order.
3. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), payable by personal check or money order to the Division, within thirty (30) days after the Commissioner signs the Final Order.
4. Respondent waives his right to petition for judicial review of this Final Order.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2012.



Stephen W. Robertson, Commissioner  
Indiana Department of Insurance

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**AGREED ENTRY**

This Agreed Entry is executed by Robert L. Hummel, attorney for the Indiana Department of Insurance Bail Bond Division ("Division"), and Lonnie E. Keefer ("Respondent"), a licensed Indiana bail bond agent, to resolve all issues concerning an investigation by the Division. This Agreed Entry is subject to the review and approval of Stephen W. Robertson, Commissioner, Indiana Department of Insurance.

WHEREAS, Respondent is a licensed bail bond agent, license number 5452; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2011 the Division received a complaint from bail agent Noreen Holmes in Monticello, Indiana alleging that Respondent had informed an indemnitor that there would be a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee for travel expenses charged for Respondent to travel to another county to write a bail bond. Ms. Holmes stated that she was aware that it was illegal to charge for any kind of expenses such as a travel expense; and

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2011, the Division received a written response to the complaint from Respondent. In his response, Respondent stated that per instructions

from his supervisor, bail agent Bruce T. Harris, he charges a "transfer fee" when he travels to another county to write a bail bond; and

WHEREAS, the parties, including Mr. Harris, met on February 15, 2012 for the purpose of negotiating a settlement of the issues that have arisen; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Respondent desire to resolve their differences and settle the issues without a hearing;

IT IS THEREFORE, NOW AGREED by and between the parties as follows:

1. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over the subject matter and the Respondent in this investigation commenced on or about November 15, 2011.
2. This Agreed Entry is executed voluntarily by the parties.
3. Respondent voluntarily and freely waives his right to a public hearing on the issues in this investigation.
4. Respondent admits that collecting a "transfer fee," which amounted to a travel expense fee, from a total of eighty-one (81) indemnitors was contrary to Indiana bail law.
5. Respondent agrees to pay restitution to all eighty-one (81) indemnitors from whom he collected a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee for a total amount of two thousand and twenty-five dollars (\$2,025.00) within thirty (30) days after the date the Commissioner signs the Final Order.
6. Respondent agrees that copies of all checks or money orders used to pay restitution will be submitted to the Division, attention Investigator Mike Herndon, within thirty (30) days after the date the Commissioner signs the Final Order.

7. Respondent agrees to payment of a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00), payable by personal check or money order to the Division, within thirty (30) days after the Commissioner signs the Final Order.
8. The Department agrees to accept Respondent's compliance with the terms of this agreement as full resolution of the issues in the investigation commenced on or about November 15, 2011.
9. Respondent voluntarily and freely waives his right to petition for judicial review of this agreement and the Commissioner's Final Order.
10. Respondent is aware that his failure to comply with any of the terms of this agreement will result in the matter being set for hearing and may result in the permanent revocation of his bail agent license and/or additional civil penalties.
11. Should this Agreed Entry not be accepted by the Commissioner, it is agreed that presentation to and consideration of this Agreed Entry by the Commissioner shall not unfairly or illegally prejudice the Commissioner from further participation in or resolution of these proceedings.
12. Respondent has carefully read this agreement and fully understands and accepts its terms.

3/9/2012

Date Signed

Lonnie Keefe

Lonnie E. Keefe, Respondent

3-8-12

Date Signed

Robert L. Hummel

Robert L. Hummel,  
Attorney, Indiana Department of Insurance

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Before me, a Notary Public for Cass County, State of  
Indiana, personally appeared Lonnie E. Keefer and being first duly sworn  
by me upon his oath, says that the facts alleged in the foregoing instrument  
are true.

Signed and sealed this 9 day of March, 2012.

Tina Keefer  
Signature

Tina Keefer  
Printed

My Commission expires: July 12, 2018

County of Residence: Cass