

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF MARION)

BEFORE THE INDIANA
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
CAUSE NUMBER: 11043-BB12-0307-005

IN THE MATTER OF:)
)
Bruce T. Harris,)
Respondent / Bail Agent.)
)
722 Lafayette Drive)
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.: 3335

FINAL ORDER AND APPROVAL

The Indiana Department of Insurance (“Department”), by its counsel, Robert L. Hummel, and Bruce T. Harris (“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.

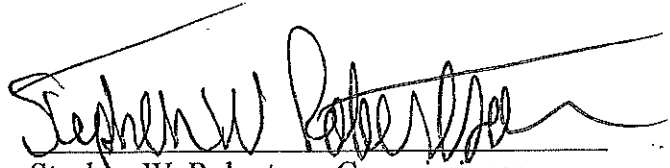
The Commissioner, after reviewing the Agreed Entry, finds it has been entered into fairly and without fraud, duress, or undue influence, and is fair and equitable between the parties. The Commissioner hereby incorporates the Agreed Entry as if fully set forth herein, and approves and adopts in full the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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commissioner of Insurance:

1. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) payable by personal check or money order to the Division, and due in full within thirty (30) days after the date of this Final Order.

2. Respondent waives his right to petition for judicial review of this Final Order.

ALL OF WHICH IS ORDERED this 3rd 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 Bruce T. Harris (“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 3335; and

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2011 the Division received a complaint from bail agent Noreen Holmes in Monticello, Indiana alleging that bail agent Lonnie E. Keefer had informed an indemnitor that there would be a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) fee for travel expenses charged for Mr. Keefer 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 Mr. Keefer. In his response, Mr. Keefer stated that per instructions

from Respondent, his supervisor, he charges a "transfer fee" when he travels to another county to write a bail bond; and

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

WHEREAS, after the meeting, Respondent submitted evidence to the Division showing that Mr. Keefer had collected a twenty-five dollar (\$25.00) travel expense fee from a total of eighty-one (81) indemnitors; 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 instructing his employee, Mr. Keefer, to collect 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 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.

6. 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.
7. Respondent voluntarily and freely waives his right to petition for judicial review of this agreement and the Commissioner's Final Order.
8. 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.
9. 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.
10. Respondent has carefully read this agreement and fully understands and accepts its terms.

3-13-2012
Date Signed


Bruce T. Harris, Respondent

3-8-12
Date Signed


Robert L. Hummel,
Attorney, Indiana Department of Insurance

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF CASS)

Before me, a Notary Public for CASS County, State of
Indiana, personally appeared Bruce T. Harris 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 13th day of MARCH, 2012.

Tina Keefer
Signature

Tina Keefer
Printed

My Commission expires: July 12, 2018

County of Residence: CASS