

STATE OF INDIANA)
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COUNTY OF MARION)

BEFORE THE INDIANA
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

CAUSE NO.: 21194-AD22-0208-025

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Heather Obrad-Bartholomew)
2449 Main Street)
Granville, WV 26534)
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Applicant.)
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Type of Agency Action: Enforcement)
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License Application #: 927756)

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STATE OF INDIANA
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PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
AND NOTICE OF LICENSE DENIAL

The Indiana Department of Insurance, pursuant to the Indiana Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Indiana Code § 4-21.5-1 *et seq.* and Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12, hereby gives notice to Heather Obrad-Bartholomew (“Applicant”) of the following Administrative Order:

1. Applicant filed an application for nonresident producer licensure with the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance (“Commissioner”) on November 5, 2021.
2. Before approving an application, the Commissioner must find that the Applicant has met specific requirements under Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-8 and Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12.
3. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(6) provides, in part, that the Commissioner may refuse to issue an insurance producer license for having been convicted of a felony.
4. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(8), provides, in part, that the Commissioner may refuse to issue a producer license for using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in Indiana or elsewhere.

5. Following a review of materials submitted by Applicant in support of her application, the Commissioner being fully advised, now hereby notifies Applicant that she has not fully met the requirements of licensure as stated by Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(6) due to Applicant's criminal history, which includes a conviction from March 16, 2021, in the U.S. District Court Northern District of West Virginia, for Abusive Sexual Contact, a Felony. The conviction was due to the dishonest practices and untrustworthiness shown by the relationship the Applicant participated in with an inmate, while employed with the Federal Bureau of Prisons.
6. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(d) provides that the applicant may, not more than sixty-three (63) days after notice of denial of the application is mailed, make written demand to the Commissioner for a hearing before the Commissioner to determine the reasonableness of the Commissioner's action.
7. This is considered an agency action. This action has been initiated by the aforementioned authority. If you choose to appeal this agency action, the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings ("OALP") will assign an administrative law judge to preside over this matter, and subsequently you will be contacted by the OALP with more information to begin the administrative process.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Applicant's request for licensure is hereby **DENIED** pursuant to Indiana Codes §§ 27-1-15.6-12(b)(6) and 27-1-15.6-12(b)(8) due to Applicant's criminal history, which includes one (1) felony conviction that is the result of actions related to Applicant's employment. Applicant may reapply for licensure not less than one (1) year from the date of this order.

3/7/22
Date Signed

Amy L Beard
Amy L. Beard, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Insurance

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