

STATE OF INDIANA)
) SS:
COUNTY OF MARION)

BEFORE THE INDIANA
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE

CAUSE NO: 21237-AG22-0204-021

IN THE MATTER OF:)
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Eric Brooks)
2929 W. 75th Place)
Merrillville, IN 46410)
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Applicant.)
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Type of Agency Action: Enforcement)
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License Application #: 941165)

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FINAL ORDER

The Enforcement Division of the Indiana Department of Insurance (“Department”), by counsel, Victoria Hastings, and Eric Brooks (“Applicant”), a resident producer applicant, signed an Agreed Entry which purports to resolve all issues involved in the above-captioned cause number, and which has been submitted to the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance (“Commissioner”) for approval.

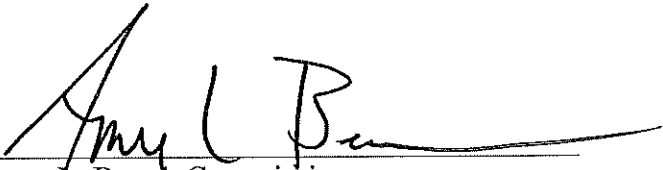
The Commissioner, after reviewing the Agreed Entry, which grants Applicant a resident producer license on a probationary basis for two (2) years, during which time Applicant will be required to submit a list of appointments to the Department every six (6) months, due to Applicant’s disclosed pending criminal charges, 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 as follows:

1. Applicant shall be granted a resident insurance producer license. Applicant's resident producer license shall be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years beginning the date the Commissioner signs this Final Order.
2. During the probationary period, any violations of Title 27 of the Indiana Code will result in the Department seeking immediate revocation of Applicant's license.
3. During the probationary period, Applicant will be required to submit a current list of appointments to the Department every six (6) months from the date of this Final Order via email at: Enforcement@idoi.in.gov.

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Dated


Amy L. Beard, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Insurance

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AGREED ENTRY

This Agreed Entry is executed by and between the Enforcement Division of the Indiana Department of Insurance (“Department”), by counsel, Victoria Hastings, and Eric Brooks (“Applicant”), to resolve all issues in the above-captioned cause number. This Agreed Entry is subject to the review and approval of Amy L. Beard, Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance (“Commissioner”).

WHEREAS, on or about January 11, 2022, Applicant applied for an Indiana resident producer license;

WHEREAS, on said application, Applicant disclosed pending criminal charges from October 4, 2021, for Domestic Battery Resulting in Moderate Bodily Injury, a Level 6 Felony; Domestic Battery committed in the presence of a child less than 16 years old, a Level 6 Felony; Domestic Battery, a Class A Misdemeanor; and Interference with the Reporting of a Crime, a Class A Misdemeanor;

WHEREAS, Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(8) states, in part, that the Commissioner may place a producer for using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating

incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in Indiana or elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, the Department and Applicant (collectively, the "Parties") desire to resolve this matter without the necessity of 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 Parties to this Agreed Entry.
2. In order to avoid formal litigation in this matter, Applicant has determined that it is in his best interest to enter into this Agreed Entry. As such Applicant acknowledges that he executes this Agreed Entry with full realization of its contents and effects.
3. This Agreed Entry is executed knowingly, voluntarily, and freely by the Parties. The Parties agree that the terms of this Agreed Entry constitute final resolution of this matter.
4. Applicant knowingly, voluntarily, and freely waives the right to a public hearing on this matter, including the right to appear in person before the Commissioner, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and present arguments.
5. Applicant knowingly, voluntarily, and freely waives the right to judicial review of this matter or otherwise appeal or challenge the validity of this Agreed Entry.

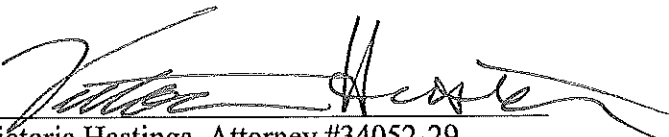
6. Applicant knowingly, voluntarily, and freely waives, releases, and forever discharges all claims or challenges, known or unknown, against the Department, its Commissioner, employees, agents, and representatives, in their individual and official capacities, that arise out of or are related to the Agreed Entry or Final Order, including but not limited to any act or omission as part of the underlying audit, investigation, negotiation, or approval process.
7. Applicant's resident producer license shall be placed on probation for a period of two (2) years, beginning the date the Commissioner signs the Final Order adopting this Agreed Entry. During the probationary period, any violations of Title 27 of the Indiana Code will result in the Department seeking immediate revocation of Applicant's license. During the probationary period, Applicant shall submit a current list of appointments to the Department every six (6) months from the date of the Final Order via email at: Enforcement@idoi.in.gov
8. Applicant has carefully read and examined this Agreed Entry and fully understands its terms.
9. Applicant has had the opportunity to have this Agreed Entry reviewed by legal counsel of his choosing, at his own expense, and is aware of the benefits gained and obligations incurred by the execution of this Agreed Entry. Applicant understands and agrees that the Department cannot give him legal advice.

10. Applicant has entered into this agreement freely, and has not been subject to duress, coercion, threat, or undue influence.
11. This Agreed Entry constitutes the entire agreement between the Parties, and no other promises or agreements, express or implied, have been made by the Department or by any employee, director, agent, or other representative thereof to induce Applicant to enter this Agreed Entry.
12. The Department agrees to accept Applicant's compliance with the terms of this Agreed Entry as full satisfaction of this matter and warrants and represents that so long as Applicant complies with the terms of this Agreed Entry, the Department will not bring any further action against Applicant based on the facts that gave rise to this Agreed Entry.
13. In the event the Department finds there has been a breach of any provision of this Agreed Entry, the Department may reopen this matter and pursue alternative action pursuant to Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12.
14. Applicant waives any applicable statute of limitations for purposes of any enforcement of the terms and conditions of this Agreed Entry.
15. Applicant acknowledges that this Agreed Entry may be admitted into evidence in any judicial or administrative proceeding against Applicant to enforce the terms and conditions contained herein.
16. Applicant understands that this Agreed Entry resolves only the matter pending with the Department and does not affect any criminal prosecution or civil litigation that may be pending or hereinafter commence against Applicant.


17. This Agreed Entry does not in any way affect the Department's authority in future audits, investigations, examinations, negotiations, or other complaints involving Applicant.
18. It is expressly understood that this Agreed Entry is subject to the Commissioner's acceptance and has no force or effect until such acceptance is evidenced by the entry of a Final Order by the Commissioner.
19. 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 or Applicant from further participation in or resolution of these proceedings.
20. If this Applicant's Agreed Entry is accepted by the Commissioner, it will become part of Applicant's permanent record and may be considered in future actions brought by the Department or any other regulator against Applicant. It is further understood that, if accepted by the Commissioner, the Agreed Entry and resulting Final Order are public records pursuant to Indiana Code § 4-21.5-3-32 that may not be sealed or otherwise withheld from the public and may be reported to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and published on the Department's website as required.

21. Applicant acknowledges that this is an Administrative Action and that he may be required to report to other jurisdictions in which he is licensed and on future applications.

3/31/22
Date Signed


Victoria Hastings, Attorney #34052-29
Indiana Department of Insurance

3/28/22
Date Signed


Eric Brooks, Applicant

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Before me a Notary Public for LAKE County, State of Indiana,
personally appeared Eric Brooks, 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 28th day of March, 2022.

Rachel St. Onge
Signature

Rachel St. Onge
Printed

My Commission expires: 10-14-2029

County of Residence: LAKE

Return executed originals to:
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Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787
317/234-5883 - telephone
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