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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
OF THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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STEVEN W. KRAUSS	:	42 Pennsylvania Consolidated
Rural Route #9, Box 9223	:	Statutes, Section 5746(b)(2)
Moscow, PA 18444-9465	:	
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	:	
Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO08-08-017

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this *19th* day of *September*, 2008, this Order is hereby issued by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and in disposition of the matter captioned above.

1. Respondent hereby admits and acknowledges that he has received proper notice of his rights to a formal administrative hearing pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. § 101, et seq., or other applicable law.

2. Respondent hereby waives all rights to a formal administrative hearing in this matter, and agrees that this Consent Order, and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, shall have the full force and effect of an Order duly entered in accordance with the adjudicatory procedures set forth in the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other applicable law.

3. Without admitting the allegations of fact and conclusions of law contained herein, Respondent specifically denies that it violated any law or regulation of the Commonwealth.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

4. The Insurance Department finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:

- (a) Respondent is Steven W. Krauss, and maintains his address at Rural Route 9, Box 9223, Moscow, Pennsylvania 18444-9465.
- (b) Respondent currently possesses a Professional Bondsmen's License #50000142 that expires on February 28, 2009.
- (c) Respondent incorrectly indicated to the Department on his original licensing application dated February 25, 2006, and two subsequent renewals dated December 29, 2006 and December 29, 2007, that he had never been convicted of, or pled nolo contendere to, any misdemeanor or felony or currently had a pending misdemeanor or felony charge filed against him.
- (d) Respondent failed to disclose three felony narcotics convictions which occurred in the state of Connecticut in 1993.

- (d) Respondent asserts he took efforts to have the above convictions expunged in Connecticut, and therefore believed he was not obligated to report them.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Insurance Department concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:

- (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance Department.
- (b) 42 Pa.C.S. § 5746(b)(2) states that fraudulently obtaining a license under the provisions of this subchapter may be grounds for suspension or revocation.
- (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(d) constitute fraudulently obtaining a license, in violation of 42 Pa.C.S. § 5746(b)(2).

#### ORDER

6. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Insurance Department orders and Respondent consents to the following:

- (a) Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the activities described herein in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
- (b) Respondent shall surrender his Professional Bail Bondsmen's license as of the date of this Consent Order.
- (c) If Respondent should ever become licensed in the future, his certificates and licenses may be immediately suspended by the Department following its investigation and determination that (i) any terms of this Order have not been complied with, or (ii) any complaint against Respondent is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under (ii) above is limited to a period of five (5) years from the date of issuance of such certificates and licenses.
- (d) Respondent specifically waives his right to prior notice of said suspension, but will be entitled to a hearing upon written request received by the Department no later than thirty (30) days after the date the Department mailed to Respondent by certified mail, return receipt requested, notification of said suspension, which hearing shall be scheduled for a date within sixty (60) days of the Department's receipt of Respondent's written request.

(c) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 6(d) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of an insurance certificate and license.

(f) In the event Respondent's certificates and licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(c) above, and Respondent either fails to request a hearing within thirty (30) days or at the hearing fails to demonstrate that he is worthy of a certificate and license, Respondent's suspended certificates and licenses shall be revoked.

7. In the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, based upon the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein, the Department may pursue any and all legal remedies available, including but not limited to the following: The Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in an administrative action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, *supra*, or other relevant provision of law; or, if applicable, the Department may enforce the provisions of this Order in any other court of law or equity having jurisdiction.

8. Alternatively, in the event the Insurance Department finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Department may declare this Order to

be null and void and, thereupon, reopen the entire matter for appropriate action pursuant to the Administrative Agency Law, supra, or other relevant provision of law.

9. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

10. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

11. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

12. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Insurance Department. Only the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect to the settlement of the alleged violations of law

contained herein, and this Consent Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or a duly authorized delegee.

BY: *X* Steve W. Krauss 9-10-08  
STEVEN W. KRAUSS, Respondent

Ronald A. Gallagher, Jr.  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
By: Ronald A. Gallagher, Jr.  
Deputy Insurance Commissioner