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# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:

VIOLATIONS:

JOSEPH T. TARLECKY

Section 611-A(20) of Act 147 of

1066 Route 61 South

2002 (40 P.S. § 310.11)

Pottsville, PA 17901

Respondent.

Docket No. CO04-12-016

#### CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 25th day of field action, 2005, this Order is hereby issued by the Deputy Insurance Commissioner 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, <u>supra</u>, or other applicable law.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 3. The Deputy Insurance Commissioner finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:
  - (a) Respondent is Joseph T. Tarlecky, and maintains his address at 1066 Route61 South, Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901.
  - (b) Respondent is not currently licensed as an insurance producer.
  - (c) On September 21, 2000, Respondent was arrested for receiving stolen property, a felony of the third degree, by the Pennsylvania State Police in Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania.

- (d) On May 2, 2001, Respondent pleaded guilty in the Court of Common Pleas,
  Pottsville, to the charge of receiving stolen property and the grading was
  lowered to a misdemeanor of the first degree. Respondent was sentenced to
  pay a fine of \$250.00, restitution of \$750.00, 12 months probation and 21
  hours of community service.
- (e) On June 24, 2000, Respondent was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, a misdemeanor of the second degree, by the Pennsylvania State Police of Schuylkill Haven.
- (f) On November 1, 2000, in the Court of Common Pleas, Pottsville, Respondent pleaded guilty to the charge of driving under the influence. Respondent was sentenced to 12 months Accelerated Rehabilitation Development Program, was fined \$1,000.00, ordered to attend highway safety classes and drug and alcohol classes, 12 months probation and 90 days loss of drivers license.
- (g) Respondent fully disclosed his criminal history on his initial Insurance Producer Application dated April 12, 2004.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 4. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and applicable provisions of law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner concludes and finds the following Conclusions of Law:
  - (a) Respondent is subject to the jurisdiction of the Pennsylvania Insurance

    Department.
  - (b) Section 611-A(20) of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits a licensee from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the department that the licensee is worthy of licensure (40 P.S. § 310.11).
  - (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(f) violates Section 611-A(20) of Act 147 of 2002.
  - (d) Respondent's violations of Section 611-A(20) of Act 147 of 2002 are punishable by the following, under Section 691-A of Act 147 of 2002 (40 P.S. § 310.91):
    - (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the certificate of qualification or license;
    - (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars

(\$5,000.00) for each violation of the Act;

- (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
- (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

### <u>ORDER</u>

- 5. In accord with the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Deputy Insurance Commissioner 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's 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 this section is limited to a period of five (5) years from the date of this Order.
  - (c) 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.

- (d) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(c) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of a license.
- (e) In the event Respondent's certificates and licenses are suspended pursuant to paragraph 5(b) 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 license, Respondent's suspended certificates and licenses shall be revoked.
- 6. In the event the Deputy Insurance Commissioner 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, <a href="supra,">supra</a>, 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.
- 7. Alternatively, in the event the Deputy Commissioner finds that there has been a breach of any of the provisions of this Order, the Deputy Commissioner may declare

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

- 8. 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.
- 9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.
- 10. 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.
- 11. This Order shall be final upon execution by the Deputy Insurance
  Commissioner. Only the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy
  Insurance Commissioner is authorized to bind the Insurance Department with respect
  to the settlement of the alleged violation of law contained herein, and this Consent

Order is not effective until executed by the Insurance Commissioner or the duly authorized Deputy Insurance Commissioner.

BY:

OSEPH T. TARLECKY, Respondent

RANDOLPH L. ROHRBAUGH Deputy Insurance Commissioner Commonwealth of Pennsylvania