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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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MARC STREDNAK 3017 Denning Way P.O. Box 25 North Versailles, PA 15137	: : : :	Sections 611-A(20), 642-A, 647-A and 671-A of Act 147 of 2002 (40 P.S. §§ 310.11, 310.42, 310.47 and 310.71)
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	:	40 Purdons Statutes, Section 324.3
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Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO07-07-044

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 4th day of October, 2007, 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

(a) Respondent is Marc Strednak, and maintains his address at 3017 Denning Way, P.O. Box 25, North Versailles, Pennsylvania 15137.

(b) At all relevant times herein, Respondent has been a licensed insurance producer in Pennsylvania.

(c) From July, 2006 through September, 2006, Respondent acted as a third party administrator by invoicing an increased amount of premium to insured Kramer Brothers Produce.

(d) Additionally, Respondent increased the agreed upon administrative fees to Kramer Brothers Produce without their consent or knowledge.

(e) The total amount of the overcharge was $380, which has been returned to the insured.

(f) On or about June 1, 2006, Respondent accepted $4,000.00 from Michael Mulkern for the purpose of purchasing two annuities with Allianz Life, although Respondent was not appointed with that company.

(g) Respondent failed to procure the annuities and failed to return the $4,000 to Mr. Mulkern until March, 2007.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

4. 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) 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) Section 642-A of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits any producer from fraudulently appropriating, taking, disposing of, withholding, lending, investing or

otherwise using any money received in the capacity of an insurance producer without the consent of the insurer (40 P.S. § 310.42).

(d) Section 647-A of Act 147 of 2002 (40 P.S. § 310.47) prohibits producers from misrepresenting the terms of policies and future dividends.

(e) Section 671-A of Act 147 of 2002 prohibits agents from transacting business within this Commonwealth without written appointment as required by the Act (40 P.S. § 310.71).

(f) Respondent's violations of Sections 611-A(20), 642-A, 647-A and 671-A 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.

(g) 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 324.3, prohibits any person from acting as an administrator unless he holds a license as an administrator issued by the Department.

(h) Respondent's violations of 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 324.3, are punishable under 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 324.13:

(i) failure to hold a license shall subject the administrator to a civil penalty of not less than $1,000 nor more than $5,000 for each instance of unlicensed activity.

(ii) After a hearing, the commissioner may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the license, impose a civil penalty of not more than $5,000, and order restitution.

ORDER

5. 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 pay a civil penalty of Six Thousand Dollars ($6,000.00) to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payment of this penalty shall be made by certified check or money order, payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Payment should be directed to Sharon L. Fraser, Office Manager, Bureau of Enforcement, 1227 Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. Payment may be enclosed with the Consent Order, but must be paid in any event no later than one hundred and twenty (120) days after the date of the Consent Order.

(c) 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.

(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.

(e) At the hearing referred to in paragraph 5(d) of this Order, Respondent shall have the burden of demonstrating that he is worthy of a 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 license, Respondent's suspended certificates and licenses shall be revoked.

6. 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.

7. 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.

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 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: _____
MARC R. STREDNAK, Respondent

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
By: Randolph L. Rohrbaugh
Deputy Insurance Commissioner