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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

ADMIN HEARINGS OFFICE

IN RE: : VIOLATIONS:
: :
MATTHEW JOSEPH HARTER : 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(20) and 310.78(b)
173 Kensington Boulevard :
Blandon, PA 19501 :
: :
Respondent. : Docket No. CO11-04-007

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this *25th* day of *April*, *2011*, 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 Matthew Joseph Harter and maintains his address at 173 Kensington Boulevard, Blandon, PA 19510.
- (b) Respondent is a resident producer with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department. His license #276655 became effective June 9, 2001 and expires July 31, 2011.
- (c) Respondent, on or about November 13, 2009, was arrested by the Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General in Luzerne County (OTN: K8826285) under Docket # CP-40-CR-0004299-2009 for Insurance Fraud/ /Intent To Defraud, Title 18, §4117(B)(4), (M-1). The charge involved the Respondent falsifying over twenty (20) insurance applications during his employment with Bankers/Conseco to fraudulently obtain commission payments.
- (d) Respondent, on or about May 18, 2010, plead guilty to Insurance Fraud/ Intent To Defraud, Title 18, §4117(B)(4), (M-1) in the Luzerne County

Court of Common Pleas under Docket No. CP-40-CR-0004299-2009 and was sentenced to 24 months' probation.

- (e) Respondent failed to report the criminal conduct to the Department as required.
- (f) On or about April 1, 2011, Respondent acknowledged to the Department his arrest of November 13, 2009, his guilty plea of May 18, 2010, and his failure to report the arrest to the Department as required.
- (g) Respondent, on or about April 1, 2011, indicated to the Department that he is out of the insurance business, has no intention of returning, and is willing to sign a Consent Order revoking his license.

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) 40 P.S. § 310.11(20) 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.
- (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(f) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).
- (d) 40 P.S. § 310.78(b) requires that within 30 days of being charged with criminal conduct, a licensee shall report the charges to the Department. The licensee shall provide the Department with a copy of the criminal complaint, information or indictment, a copy of the order resulting from any pretrial hearing, and a report of the final disposition of the charges.
- (e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraph 3(c) through 3(f) violate 40 P.S. § 310.78(b).
- (f) Respondent's violations of Sections 310.11(20) and 310.78(b) are punishable by the following, under 40 P.S. § 310.91:
 - (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the license;
 - (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for every violation of the Act;

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

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) All licenses of Respondent to do the business of insurance are hereby revoked.
- (c) If Respondent should ever become licensed in the future, his 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 issuance of such 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.

(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 an insurance license.

(f) In the event Respondent's 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 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.

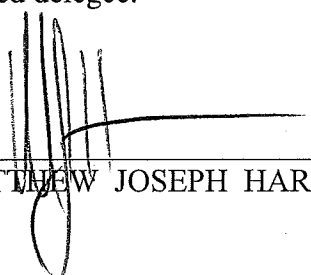
9. Respondent hereby expressly waives any relevant statute of limitations and application of the doctrine of laches for purposes of any enforcement of this Order.

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:



MATTHEW JOSEPH HARTER, Respondent

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
By: RONALD A. GALLAGHER, JR.
Deputy Insurance Commissioner