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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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| IN RE: | : | VIOLATIONS: |
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| STEPHEN A. MARRONE<br>1 Meadowlark Lane<br>St. Paul, MN 55127 | :<br>:<br>: | 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(1), (3), (6)<br>(14), (20) and 310.78(b) |
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| Respondent. | : | Docket No. CO13-07-013 |

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 7th day of August, 2013, 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 Stephen A. Marrone, and maintains his address at 1 Meadowlark Lane, St. Paul, MN 55127.

(b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed insurance producer.

(c) On August 31, 2012, Respondent was charged with three felony counts of Theft by Swindle in the Minnesota District Court, Ramsey County Criminal System.

(d) On October 31, 2012, Respondent applied for renewal of his non-resident insurance producer license and failed to disclose his August 2012 criminal arrest to the Department.

(e) On May 30, 2013, Respondent pled guilty to the three felony charges identified in paragraph C.

(f) Respondent failed to report his guilty pleas to the Department within 30 days.

(g) On June 12, 2013, Respondent was terminated for cause from his position with Lincoln Financial Group for the three felony counts identified in paragraph C.

## 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(1) prohibits a licensee or an applicant for a license from providing incorrect, misleading, incomplete or false information to the Department in a license application.

(c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraph 3(d) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(1).

(d) 40 P.S. § 310.11(3) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from obtaining or attempting to obtain a license through misrepresentation or fraud.

(e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraph 3(d) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(3).

(f) 40 P.S. § 310.11(6) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing any unfair insurance practice or fraud.

(g) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(e) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(6).

(h) 40 P.S. § 310.11(14) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing a felony or its equivalent.

(i) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) and 3(e) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(14).

(j) 40 P.S. § 310.11(20) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from demonstrating a lack of general fitness, competence or reliability sufficient to satisfy the department that the licensee is worthy of licensure.

(k) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).

(l) 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.

(m) Respondent's activities described above in paragraph 3(f) violate 40 P.S. § 310.78(b).

(n) Respondent's violations of Sections 310.11(1), (3), (6), (14), (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: _____
STEPHEN A. MARRONE, Respondent

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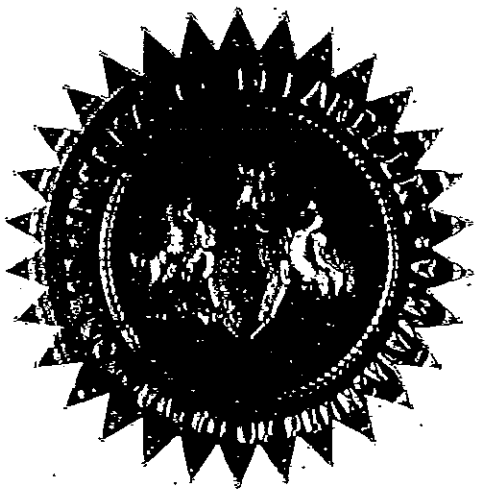
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
By: RONALD A. GALLAGHER, JR.
Deputy Insurance Commissioner

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: The Act of April 9, 1929, P.L. 177, No. 175, known as The Administrative Code of 1929

AND NOW, this 27th day of April, 2011, Ronald A. Gallagher, Deputy Insurance Commissioner, is hereby designated as the Commissioner's duly authorized representative for purposes of entering in and executing Consent Orders. This delegation of authority shall continue in effect until otherwise terminated by a later Order of the Insurance Commissioner.

Michael F. Consedine
Insurance Commissioner