

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER 2019 SEP -9 AM 11:47
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS OFFICE

IN RE:	:	VIOLATION:
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DALE R. WITTICK, Jr.	:	40 P.S. § 310.78(b)
1608 Walnut Street, Suite 900	:	
Philadelphia, PA 19103	:	
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Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO19-08-010

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 9th day of September, 2019, 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 Dale R. Wittick, Jr. and maintains his address at 3755 Reiniger Road, Hatboro, PA 19040.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed resident producer.
- (c) On December 4, 2001, Respondent signed a Consent Order requiring Respondent to comply with all insurance laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- (d) The Consent Order referenced in paragraph 3(c) above provided that should the Department determine that Respondent had violated the insurance laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Respondent's license was subject to immediate suspension.
- (e) On or about August 30, 2018, Respondent was arrested in Plymouth Township.

- (f) Respondent failed to report his arrest within 30 days to the Department.
- (g) On or about March 15, 2019, Respondent pled guilty to one count of Defiant Trespass.
- (h) Respondent failed to notify the Department within 30 days of his guilty plea.

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. § 310.78(b) requires a licensee to report being charged with criminal conduct to the Department within 30 days of being charged.
- (c) 40 P.S. § 310.78(b) requires a licensee to report the final disposition of their criminal charges to the Department within 30 days of the final disposition.

- (d) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(e) through 3(h) constitutes a violation of 40 P.S. § 310.78(b).

- (e) Respondent's violation of 40 P.S. § 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) Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) 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 the Bureau of Licensing and 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 fourteen (14) days after the date of the Consent Order.

- (c) Respondent's 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 confirmed complaint against Respondent is accurate and a statute or regulation has been violated. The Department's right to act under this section shall be indefinite.

- (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 provisions 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 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.

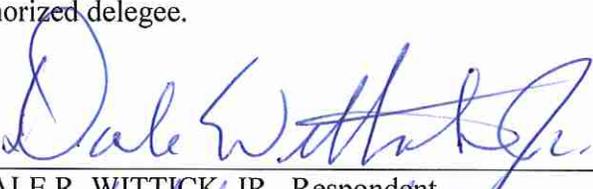
8. In any such enforcement proceeding, Respondent may contest whether a breach of the provisions of this Order has occurred but may not contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein.

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.

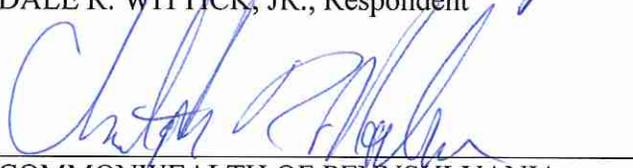
10. This Order constitutes the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the matters referred to herein, and it may not be amended or modified except by an amended order signed by all the parties hereto.

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 duly authorized delegee.

BY:



DALE R. WITTICK, JR., Respondent

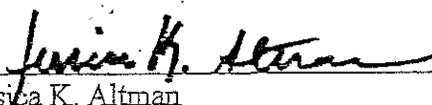


COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
By: CHRISTOPHER R. MONAHAN
Deputy Insurance Commissioner

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 28th day of March, 2018, Christopher R. Monahan,
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.



Jessica K. Altman
Insurance Commissioner

