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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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ANTHONY BELCASTRO	:	40 P.S. §§ 310.11(6), (16), (17), (20)
702 Golden Spring Court	:	and 310.96
Street, MD 21154	:	
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Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO19-02-018

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 12th day of March, 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 Anthony Belcastro, and maintains his address at 702 Golden Spring Court, Street, MD 21154.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed non-resident producer.
- (c) Respondent produced a combination of nineteen (19) homeowner, rental, umbrella, and auto insurance policies knowing they would be immediately cancelled for the purpose of collecting commissions.
- (d) Respondent paid the policies identified in finding 3(c) with his personal credit card, on behalf of the insureds, totaling payments of \$3,996.96 from August 2017 to January 2018.
- (e) Respondent cancelled the policies identified in finding 3(c) and received full refunds of the premiums paid from the insureds.

- (f) Respondent received five (5) insurance premium payments from home sale settlements by check, which were deposited into his personal bank account.
- (g) Respondent then made thirty-six (36) homeowners insurance premium payments with his personal credit card totaling \$5,304.72 from December 2017 to April 2018; representing the total amount identified in finding 3(f).
- (h) Respondent admitted during November 29, 2018 and December 28, 2018 interviews, to co-mingling the insurance premiums identified in finding 3(f) and using his own personal credit card to make those payments.
- (i) Respondent further admitted during the interviews identified in finding 3(h), that he used his personal credit card to make insurance premium payments to receive credit card cash rewards.

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(6) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing any unfair insurance practice or fraud.
- (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(6).
- (d) 40 P.S. § 310.11(16) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing a violation of subarticle B; acts that would constitute a violation of subarticle B include 40 P.S. § 310.45 – rebating a premium payable on a contract of insurance.
- (e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(16).
- (f) 40 P.S. § 310.11(17) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from committing fraud, forgery, dishonest acts or an act involving a breach of fiduciary duty.
- (g) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(g) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(17).

- (h) 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.
- (i) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(i) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).
- (j) 40 P.S. § 310.96, prohibit producers from, without the express consent of the insurance entity on whose behalf the funds were received, mingling the funds with the producer's own funds or with funds held by the producer in any other capacity. The funds of each insurance entity must be reasonably ascertainable from the books of accounts and records of the insurance producer.
- (k) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(d), (f) and 3(g) constitute a violation of 40 P.S. § 310.96.
- (l) Respondent's violations of §§ 310.11(6), (16), (17), (20) and 310.96 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 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.

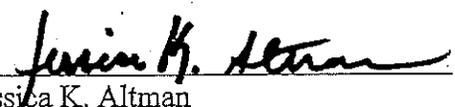
BY: Anthony Michael Belcastro
ANTHONY BELCASTRO, Respondent

Christopher R. Monahan
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

