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ADMIN HEARINGS OFFICE

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE:	:	VIOLATIONS:
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JOEL FLOWERS, JR.	:	40 P.S. §§310.11(19), (20), 310.12(a)
5709 Rural Street, Unit 2	:	and 310.78(b)
Pittsburgh, PA 15206	:	
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Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO17-01-009

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 20th day of APRIL, 2017, this Order is hereby issued by the Insurance Department of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania pursuant to the statutes cited above and indisposition 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 Joel Flowers, Jr., and maintains his official address listed on his license record is 5709 Rural Street, Unit 2, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.
- (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed resident producer.
- (c) Respondent moved to 549 Haver Hill Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 in January 2016, and failed to report the address change.
- (d) On February 20, 2016, Respondent was arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance and Carrying a Firearm Without a License, and failed to notify the Department of the charges.
- (e) Between April 27 and July 11, 2016, at least a dozen attempts were made to contact the Respondent with no results.
- (f) On July 12, 2016, Respondent confirmed he received all voicemail messages and e-mails, but was too “busy” to respond.

- (g) On December 8, 2016, Respondent was placed on an “alternative probation” for Possession of a Controlled Substance.
- (h) On December 16, 2016, a search of the Department’s licensing database indicated Respondent had still not updated his address and failed to provide the requested documentation pertaining to criminal charges.

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(19) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from failing to notify the Department of a change of address within 30 days.
- (c) Respondent’s activities described above in paragraph 3(c) violate 40 P.S. §310.11(19).

- (d) 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.
- (e) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(h) violate 40 P.S. §310.11(20).
- (f) 40 P.S. §310.12(a) states a licensee who fails to provide a written response to the department within 30 days of receipt of a written inquiry from the department, or who fails to remit valid payment for all fees due and owing to the department shall, after notice from the department specifying the violation and advising of corrective action to be taken, correct the violation within 15 days of receipt of the notice.
- (g) Respondent's violations of 40 P.S. §310.12(a) are punishable under Section 310.12(b), which provides if a licensee fails to correct the violation within 15 days of receiving notice, the department may assess an administrative fine or no more than \$100 per day per violation.
- (h) Respondent's activities described above in paragraph 3(h) violate 40 P.S. §310.12(a).

- (i) 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.
- (j) Respondent's activities described above in paragraph 3(d) violate 40 P.S. §310.78(b).
- (k) Respondent's violations of Sections 310.11(19), (20) and 310.78(b) are punishable by the following, under 40 Purdons Statutes, Section 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 find 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.

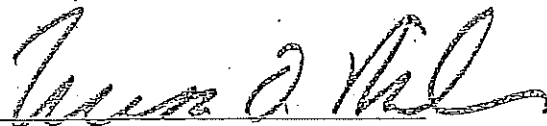
BY: 
JOEL FLOWERS, JR., Respondent


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 13th day of November, 2015, 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.



Teresa D. Miller
Insurance Commissioner

