

By Admin Hearings, Ins Dept at 8:35 am, Jan 09, 2023

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

	:	VIOLATIONS:
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	:	40 P.S. §§ 310.11(2), (20) and
	:	310.78(b)
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Respondent.	:	Docket No. CO22-12-020
	Respondent.	: : : : :

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this 9th day of January, 2023, 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 she has received proper notice of her 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 Pennsylvania Insurance Department ("Department") finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:
 - (a) Respondent is Tammy Ley and maintains a record of her address with the Department as 621 Parkview Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202.
 - (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Resident Producer.
 - (c) Respondent, on September 1, 2017, was charged by the Avalon Borough
 Police Department (Allegheny, PA) with one (1) count of Disorderly
 Conduct, a Misdemeanor.
 - (d) Respondent failed to notify the Department of the criminal charges identified in paragraph 3(c) within 30 days.
 - (e) Respondent, on October 5, 2017, was issued a warning letter by the Department for failing to notify the Department of the charge identified in paragraph 3(c) and informing her of the need to report criminal charges and the final disposition of those charges within 30 days.
 - (f) Respondent, on October 27, 2021, was charged by the Avalon Borough
 Police Department (Allegheny, PA) with one (1) count of Simple
 Assault, a Misdemeanor, and one (1) count of Harassment, a Summary.

- (g) Respondent failed to notify the Department of the criminal charges identified in paragraph 3(f) within 30 days.
- (h) Respondent, on January 27, 2022, had her pending criminal charges identified in finding 3(f) withdrawn at a Preliminary Hearing in
 Magisterial District Court 05-2-01 (Allegheny, PA).
- (i) Respondent, on January 18, 2022, executed a Consent Order with the Department (Docket No. CO22-01-006) and as a result was fined \$250.00 and placed under five (5) years of supervision for failure to notify the Department after receiving her criminal charges within 30 days.
- (j) Respondent, on August 3, 2022, was charged by the Avalon Borough
 Police Department (Allegheny County, PA) with one (1) count of
 Harassment, a Misdemeanor.
- (k) Respondent failed to notify the Department of the criminal charges identified in paragraph 3(j) within 30 days.
- (l) Respondent's charges identified in finding 3(j) are pending and a Preliminary Hearing is scheduled for February 2, 2023, in Magisterial District Court 05-2-01 (Allegheny, PA).

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(2) prohibits a licensee or an applicant from violating the insurance laws or regulations of this Commonwealth or a subpoena or order of the commissioner or of another state's insurance commissioner.
 - (c) Respondent's activities described above in paragraphs 3(d), (g) and (k) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(2).
 - (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 in paragraphs 3(d) through 3(g) and 3(l) violate 40 P.S. § 310.11(20).
 - (f) 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.

Additionally, the licensee shall provide the Department with the following within 30 days of their availability to the licensee:

(1) a copy of the criminal complaint, information or indictment. (2) a copy of the order resulting from any pretrial hearing. (3) a report of the final disposition of the charges. Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3 (d), (g), and (k) violate 40 P.S. § 310.78(b). Respondent's violations of 40 P.S. §§ 310.11(2), (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.

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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 five hundred dollars (\$500.00) 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 Pennsylvania Insurance Department, 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 is limited to a period of seven (7) years from the date of this Order.
 - (d) Respondent specifically waives her 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 she is worthy of a 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 she 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, <u>supra</u>, 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, <u>supra</u>, 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:

TAMMY LEY, Respondent

COMMONWEALTH/OF PENNSYLVANIA

By: DAVID J. BUONO 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 __31st __ day of __March_____, 2022, David J. Buono, Jr., 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 Humph eys
Acting Insurance Commissioner

