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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

; JOHN P. REIS : 63 P.S. § 856(2), (5) a 8 Milestone Drive :	
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Newtown, PA 18940 :	
: :	
: Respondent. : Docket No. CO23-04	.006

CONSENT ORDER

AND NOW, this <u>10th</u> day of <u>May</u>, <u>2023</u>, 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 Pennsylvania Insurance Department ("Department") finds true and correct each of the following Findings of Fact:
 - (a) Respondent is John P. Reis and maintains a record of his address with the Pennsylvania Insurance Department as 8 Milestone Drive, Newtown, PA 18940.
 - (b) Respondent is, and at all times relevant hereto has been, a licensed Motor

 Vehicle Physical Damage Appraiser.
 - (c) Respondent, on August 25, 2022, was charged by the Bucks County

 Detectives Office (Bucks, PA) with one (1) count of False/Fraud/Incomp

 Insurance Claim, one (1) count of Deceptive Business Practices, one (1)

 count of Forgery, and one (1) count of Theft By Deception, all felonies.
 - (d) Respondent, on March 28, 2023, was convicted in the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, PA of one (1) count of False/Fraud/Incomp Insurance Claim, one (1) count of Deceptive Business Practices, one (1) count of Forgery, and one (1) count of Theft By Deception, all felonies, as a result of the charges identified in finding 3(c).
 - (e) Respondent's conviction identified in finding 3(d) is pending sentencing in the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, PA on May 24, 2023.

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) 63 P.S. § 856(2), states the Commissioner may deny initial issuance of, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any appraiser's license for any cause, if the licensee willfully violates or fails to comply with or knowingly participates in the violation of or failure to comply with any provisions of this act or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder.
 - (c) Respondent's activities described in paragraph 3(d) violate 63 P.S. § 856(2).
 - (d) 63 P.S. § 856(5), states the Commissioner may deny initial issuance of, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any appraiser's license if the licensee has been convicted, by final judgment, of a felony.
 - (e) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(d) through 3(f) violate 63 P.S. § 856(5).
 - (f) 63 P.S. § 856(6), states the Commissioner may deny initial issuance of, suspend, revoke or refuse to renew any appraiser's license if the licensee

has shown himself to be incompetent, untrustworthy, or a source of injury and loss to the public.

- (g) Respondent's activities described in paragraphs 3(c) through 3(f) show him to be incompetent, untrustworthy, or a source of injury and loss to the public.
- (h) Respondent's violations of 63 P.S. § 856(2), (5) and (6) are punishable by the following, under 63 P.S. § 1606:
 - (i) suspension, revocation or refusal to issue the license;
 - (ii) imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for every violation of the Act;
 - (iii) an order to cease and desist; and
 - (iv) any other conditions as the Commissioner deems appropriate.

ORDER

- 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) Future license applications, if any, will require a 1033 Waiver, pursuant to the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act, 18 U.S.C. §§ 1033 and 1034.
- 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.

- 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:

OHN P. REIS, 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 Humphreys
Acting Insurance Commissioner

