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STATE OF ARIZONA
DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:

**PETERS, SIDNEY RALPH,
(Arizona License No. 983183)
(NPN # 16123389)**

No. 12A-023-INS

ORDER

Respondent.

On April 10, 2012, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Sondra J. Vanella, issued an Administrative Law Judge Decision ("Recommended Decision"), received by the Director of the Department of Insurance ("Director") on April 12, 2012, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference. The Director of the Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended Decision and enters the following Order:

1. The Director adopts the Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Recommended Decision.
2. The Director revokes Respondent's Arizona producer's license, effective immediately.


NOTIFICATION OF RIGHTS

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 41-1092.09, Respondent may request a rehearing with respect to this order by filing a written motion with the Director of the Department of Insurance within 30 days of the date of this Order, setting forth the basis for relief under A.A.C. R20-6-114(B). Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09, it is not necessary to request a rehearing before filing an appeal to Superior Court.

Respondent may appeal the final decision of the Director to the Superior Court of Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-166. A party filing an appeal

1 must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing
2 the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-904(B).

3 DATED this 13th day of April, 2012.

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6 CHRISTINA URIAS, Director
Arizona Department of Insurance

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8 COPY of the foregoing mailed this
9 13th day of April, 2011 to:

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12 Mary Kosinski, Exec. Asst. for Regulatory Affairs
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19 Glendale, Arizona 85306
20 Respondent

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DIRECTOR'S OFFICE
INSURANCE DEPT.

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of:

No. 12A-023-INS

Peters, Sidney Ralph,
(Arizona License # 983183)
(NPN # 16123389)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

DECISION

Respondent.

HEARING: March 26, 2012

APPEARANCES: Special Assistant Attorney General Mary Kosinski represented the Arizona Department of Insurance. Respondent Sidney Ralph Peters did not appear.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Sondra J. Vanella

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times material to this matter, Sidney Ralph Peters ("Respondent") was and currently is licensed by the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department").
2. On January 5, 2011, the Department issued Respondent an accident/health and life producer license, license number 983183 ("License"), which expires on January 31, 2015.
3. Steven Fromholtz ("Mr. Fromholtz"), Producer Licensing Administrator of the Licensing Section of the Department, testified that when an application for a producer's license is received and processed, it is forwarded to the Arizona Department of Public Safety ("DPS") for processing, which includes processing by the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI") for a criminal history background check to be conducted. The Department submits completed fingerprint forms to DPS and DPS submits the fingerprint forms to the FBI for national processing.
4. On March 30, 2011, the Department issued a letter to Respondent by mail, informing him that his fingerprint card could not be processed and was returned by DPS as illegible. In that letter, the Department requested that Respondent submit a replacement set of fingerprints and enclosed a blank Illegible Fingerprint Replacement

1 Form. The Department provided a deadline of April 29, 2011, for the return of the
2 completed replacement fingerprint form.

3 5. Because the Department did not receive the requested replacement fingerprint
4 form from Respondent as requested, the Department sent another letter to Respondent
5 dated August 17, 2011, giving Respondent a deadline of September 15, 2011, to file
6 with the Department an Illegible Fingerprint Replacement Form with a new set of
7 fingerprints or submit a Voluntary Surrender of Insurance License Form. The
8 Department indicated that the failure to respond to the letter would result in the
9 initiation of disciplinary action being taken against the License.

10 6. Mr. Fromholtz testified that the Department has not received any change of
11 address notification from Respondent and that the above-mentioned letters were sent
12 to the mailing/business and/or residential addresses of record the Department had for
13 Respondent.

14 7. Mr. Fromholtz testified that to date, Respondent has not responded to the
15 above-mentioned letters and has not submitted to the Department a new set of
16 fingerprints.

17 8. Respondent did not present any evidence to refute or rebut the evidence
18 presented by the Department.

19 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

20 1. This matter is a disciplinary proceeding wherein the Department must prove by a
21 preponderance of the evidence that Respondent violated the State's Insurance Laws.
22 See A.A.C. R2-19-119.

23 2. During the application process, the Director of the Department required
24 Respondent to submit a full set of fingerprints and Respondent's illegible fingerprint
25 submission did not satisfy that requirement. See A.R.S. § 20-285(E)(2).

26 3. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes a violation of A.R.S. § 20-
27 295(A)(1) by having failed to provide complete information in the license application.

28 4. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes the violation of any
29 provision of A.R.S., Title 20, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
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1 5. Grounds exist for the Director of the Department to suspend, revoke, or refuse to
2 renew the License pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-295(A).

3 **ORDER**

4 Based upon the above, the License shall be revoked on the effective date of the
5 Order entered in this matter.

6 *In the event of certification of the Administrative Law Judge Decision by the*
7 *Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, the effective date of the Order will be 5*
8 *days from the date of that certification.*

9 Done this day, April 10, 2012.

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11 /s/ Sondra J. Vanella
12 Administrative Law Judge

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14 Transmitted electronically to:

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16 Christina Urias, Director
17 Department of Insurance
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