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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

SHAPARD, MICHAELEE YVONNE (Arizona License No. 1082739) (National Producer No. 17327961) No. 15A-080-INS

ORDER

Respondent.

On November 2, 2015, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge M. Douglas, issued an Administrative Law Judge Decision ("Recommended Decision"), received by the Director of the Department of Insurance ("Director") on November 2, 2015, 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:

- The Director adopts the Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
- The Director revokes the Arizona resident insurance producer license, No.
 1082739, of Michaelee Yvonne Shapard 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 filling 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 1 Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-166. A party filing an appeal 2 must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing 3 the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-904(B). 4 DATED this 2nd day of November, 2015. 5 6 7 Andy Tobin, Director Arizona Department of Insurance 8 9 10 COPY, of the foregoing mailed this 3 rd day of November, 2015 to: 11 Michaelee Yvonne Shapard 12 785 E. Christopher Street San Tan Valley, Arizona 85140 13 Respondent 14 Mary Kosinski, Executive Assistant for Regulatory Affairs Catherine O'Neil, Consumer Legal Affairs Officer Yvonne Hunter, Consumer Affairs Assistant Director 15 Steven Fromholtz, Licensing Director 16 Arizona Department of Insurance 17 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85018 18 Liane Kido Assistant Attorney General 19 1275 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2926

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Respondent

SHAPARD, MICHAELEE YVONNE

(Arizona License #1082739)

No. 15A-080-INS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

HEARING: October 29, 2015, at 1:00 p.m.

<u>APPEARANCES</u>: Michaelee Yvonne Shapard (hereinafter "Respondent") failed to appear. The Arizona Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department") was represented by Assistant Attorney General Liane Kido, Esq.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: M. Douglas

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent is, and was at all material times licensed as resident life and accident/health insurance producer, Arizona license number 1082739 (National Producer #17327961).
- 2. Respondent's address of record with the Department is: 785 E. Christopher Street, San Tan Valley, Arizona 85140. The Department sent the Notice of Hearing to this address.
- 3. On July 24, 3025, the Department issued Respondent a resident life and accident/health insurance producer license, which expires on April 30, 2018.¹
- 4. Steven Fromholtz, Producer Licensing Administrator of the Licensing Section of the Department, testified that when an application for a 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 the

¹ See Exhibit 1.

completed fingerprint forms supplied by the applicant to DPS and DPS submits the fingerprint forms to the FBI for national processing.

- 5. On February 9, 2015, the Department issued a letter to Respondent by mail, informing the Respondent that the fingerprint card that she submitted during the application process for the License 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 Form. The Department provided a deadline of March 11, 2015, for the return of the completed replacement fingerprint form.²
- 6. Because the Department did not receive the requested replacement fingerprint form from Respondent as requested, the Department sent another letter to Respondent dated June 9, 2015, giving Respondent a deadline of July 9, 2015, to file with the Department an Illegible Fingerprint Replacement Form with a new set of fingerprints or submit a Voluntary Surrender of Insurance License Form. The Department indicated that the failure to respond to the letter would result in the initiation of disciplinary action being taken against the License.³
- 7. Mr. Fromholtz testified that to date, Respondent had not responded to the above-mentioned letters and had not submitted to the Department a new set of fingerprints.
- 8. Respondent did not present any evidence to refute or rebut the evidence presented by the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Notice of Hearing that the Department mailed to Respondent at her address of record was reasonable and she is deemed to have received notice of the hearing.⁴
- 2. This matter is a disciplinary proceeding wherein the Department must prove by a preponderance of the evidence that Respondent violated the State's Insurance Laws.⁵

² See Exhibit 2.

³ See Exhibit 3

⁴ See A.R.S. §§ 41-1092.04; 41-1092.05(D).

- 3. During the application process, the Director of the Department required Respondent to submit a full set of fingerprints and Respondent's illegible fingerprint submission did not satisfy that requirement.⁶
- 4. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes a violation of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(1) by having failed to provide complete information in the license application.
- 5. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes the violation of a provision of A.R.S., Title 20, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 6. Grounds exist for the Director of the Department to suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the License pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-295(A).

ORDER

Based upon the above, Respondent's License shall be revoked on the effective date of the Order entered in this matter.

In the event of certification of the Administrative Law Judge Decision by the Director of the Office of Administrative Hearings, the effective date of the Order will be five (5) days from the date of that certification.

Done this day, November 2, 2015.

/s/ M. Douglas Administrative Law Judge

Transmitted electronically to:

Andy Tobin, Director
Arizona Department of Insurance

⁵ See A.A.C. R2-19-119.

⁶ See A.R.S. § 20-285(E)(2).