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STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPT OF INSURANCE

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

CRUZ, JOHN PAUL (Arizona License No. 1087550) (National Producer No. 17365745) No. 15A-132-INS

ORDER

Respondent.

On January 29, 2016, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge Suzanne Marwil, issued an Administrative Law Judge Decision ("Recommended Decision"), received by the Director of the Department of Insurance ("Director") on January 29, 2016, 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.
 1087550, of John Paul Cruz 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 filling an appeal to Superior Court.

1 Respondent may appeal the final decision of the Director to the Superior Court of 2 Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-166. A party filing an appeal 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 Z day of _ 5 6 7 Andrew M. Tobin, Director Arizona Department of Insurance 8 9 COPY of the foregoing mailed this 1 st day of February, 2016 to: 10 John Paul Cruz 11 2334 E. Meadow Land Drive San Tan Valley, AZ 85140 12 Respondent 13 John Paul Cruz 14 Bankers Life and Casualty 1839 S. Alma School Rd., #141 15 Mesa, AZ 85210 Respondent 16 Mary Kosinski, Executive Assistant for Regulatory Affairs 17 Catherine O'Neil, Consumer Legal Affairs Officer Steven Fromholtz, Licensing Director 18 Arizona Department of Insurance 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 19 Phoenix, Arizona 85018 20 Liane Kido **Assistant Attorney General** 21 1275 West Washington Street Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2926 22 Office of Administrative Hearings 23 1400 West Washington, Suite 101 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 24

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AZ DEPT. OF INSURANCE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

In the Matter of:

JOHN PAUL CRUZ (Arizona License #1087550) No. 15A-132-INS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

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HEARING: January 28, 2016

<u>APPEARANCES</u>: Respondent John Paul Cruz did not appear. The Arizona Department of Insurance was represented by Assistant Attorney General Liane Kido.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Suzanne Marwil

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At all times material to this matter, John Paul Cruz ("Respondent") was and currently is licensed by the Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department").
- 2. On September 9 2014, the Department issued Respondent a resident life and accident/health producer license, license number 1087550 ("License"), which expires on November 30, 2017. See Exhibit 1.
- 3. 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 completed fingerprint forms supplied by the applicant to DPS and DPS submits the fingerprint forms to the FBI for national processing.
- 4. On February 9, 2015, the Department issued a letter to Respondent by mail, informing him that his fingerprint card that was submitted during the application

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- 5. 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. See Exhibit 4. The Department indicated that the failure to respond to the letter would result in the initiation of disciplinary action being taken against the License. *Id*.
- 6. The June 9, 2015 letter to Respondent was returned to the Department labeled by the U.S. Postal Service as "Return to Sender, Attempted Not Known Unable to Forward."
- 7. On July 31, 2015, the Department notified Respondent a third time by mail at her address of record that her fingerprints had been returned by DPS as illegible and that the Department was about to initiate an administrative action against his license for failure to comply with the fingerprint requirement.
- 8. The July 31, 2015 letter to Respondent was returned to the Department labeled by the U.S. Postal Service as "Return to Sender, Attempted Not Known Unable to Forward."
- 9. 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.
- 10. Respondent did not present any evidence to refute or rebut the evidence presented by the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 2. 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. See A.R.S. § 20-285(E)(2).
- 3. 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.
- 4. Respondent's conduct, as set forth above, constitutes the violation of any provision of A.R.S., Title 20, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 5. 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).

<u>ORDER</u>

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, January 29, 2016.

 /s/ Suzanne Marwil Administrative Law Judge

Transmitted electronically to:

Andy Tobin , Director Arizona Department of Insurance