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STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:

VALDEZ, STELLA PAOLA
(Arizona License Number 1076479)
(National Producer Number 17261820)

Respondent.

No. 17A-046-INS

**ORDER SUMMARILY SUSPENDING
BAIL BOND AGENT LICENSE AND
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR
HEARING**

The Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department") alleges that **Stella Paola Valdez** has violated provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."), Title 20. In light of the serious nature of these allegations, the Interim Director of Insurance for the State of Arizona ("Interim Director") finds that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action, within the meaning of A.R.S. §41-1092.11(B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Stella Paola Valdez ("Respondent") is licensed as a resident bail bond agent, Arizona license number 1076479, which expires on April 30, 2018.
2. Respondent's address of record is: 1837 S. Mesa Dr., Ste A200, Mesa, Arizona 85210-6219 (business and mailing).
3. On October 24, 2016, the insurer holding Respondent's surety bond notified the Department that Respondent's bail agent bond was to be cancelled, effective as of November 23, 2016.
4. On October 31, 2016, the Department notified Respondent that the surety was cancelling her bond.

1 5. To date, Respondent has failed to replace the cancelled surety bond.

2 6. Therefore, as of November 23, 2016, Respondent has not maintained a bond in
3 favor of this State executed by a surety insurer authorized to do business in this State.

4 7. The public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action.

5 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

6 1. The Interim Director has jurisdiction.

7 2. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of the requirement that each bail
8 bond agent maintain in force while license a bond in favor of this State executed by a surety
9 insurer authorized to do business in this State, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-340.02.

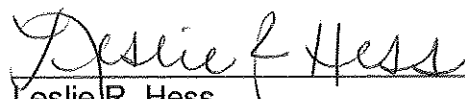
10 3. Grounds exist to order a summary suspension within the meaning of A.R.S. §
11 41-1092.11(B).

12 **ORDER**

13 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

14 1. Respondent's bail bond agent license, Arizona license number 1076479, is
15 summarily suspended effective immediately.

16 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 13th day of April, 2017.

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18 Leslie R. Hess
19 Interim Director of Insurance
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1 **NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING**

2 Pursuant to Title 20 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondent is hereby notified
3 that Respondent may request a hearing pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-161 to contest the summary
4 suspension. Such request must be in writing and received at the following address within
5 thirty (30) days from the date hereof:

6 **Arizona Department of Insurance**
7 **2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210**
8 **Phoenix, Arizona 85018-7269**

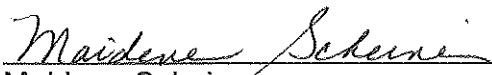
9 Upon receipt of a timely written request for hearing, the Interim Director will issue an
10 order setting the time and place of the hearing.

11 COPY of the foregoing mailed
12 this 19th day of April, 2017, to:

13 Stella Paola Valdez
14 1837 S. Mesa Dr., Ste. A200
15 Mesa, AZ 85210-6219
16 Respondent

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