STATE OF ARIZONA FILED

JUL 3 0 2018

1

2

3

4 5

6 7

8

10 11

12

13 14

15

16

17 18

19

20

21 22

23

2425

26

STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPT OF INSURANCE BY

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

BENITEZ, JUNIOR JAVIER
(National Producer Number 18446424)

Respondent

No. 18A-037-INS

ORDER

On July 26, 2018, the Office of Administrative Hearings, through Administrative Law Judge Tammy L. Eigenheer, issued an Administrative Law Judge Decision ("Recommended Decision"), received by the Interim Director of the Department of Insurance ("Interim Director") on July 26, 2018, a copy of which is attached and incorporated by this reference. The Interim Director of the Department of Insurance has reviewed the Recommended Decision and enters the following Order:

- The Interim Director adopts the Recommended Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.
- The Interim Director revokes the Arizona resident insurance producer license of Junior Javier Benitez, National Producer Number 18446424, 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 Interim 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.

1 Respondent may appeal the final decision of the Interim Director to the Superior Court of Maricopa County for judicial review pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-166. A party filing an 2 3 appeal must notify the Office of Administrative Hearings of the appeal within ten days after filing the complaint commencing the appeal, pursuant to A.R.S. § 12-904(B). 4 5 6 7 Keith A. Schraad, Interim Director 8 Arizona Department of Insurance 9 10 11 12 13 COPY of the foregoing mailed this day of July, 2018, to: 14 Junior Javier Benitez 15 1601 N. 7th St., #100 Phoenix, AZ 85006 16 Respondent 17 Junior Javier Benitez 18 833 S. Extension Rd. Mesa, AZ 85210 19 Respondent 20 Ryan Krench Assistant Attorney General 21 Lynette Evans Assistant Attorney General 22 State Government Division Agency Counsel Section 23 15 S. 15th Ave. Phoenix, Arizona 85007 24

Office of Administrative Hearings

1400 West Washington, Suite 101

Phoenix Arizona 85007

25

26

1	COPY of the foregoing delivered, same date, to:
2	Mary Kosinski, Regulatory Legal Affairs Officer Catherine O'Neil, Consumer Legal Affairs Officer
3	Steven Fromholtz, Assistant Director – Consumer Protection Division Aqueelah Currie, Licensing Supervisor
4	Sharyn Kerr, Consumer Protection Division Arizona Department of Insurance
5	100 North 15 th Ave., Suite 102 Phoenix, Arizona 85007-2624
6	7 110 STIIX, 7 1112 STIG
7	COPY sent same date via electronic mail to:
8	Junior Javier Benitez
9	AZTRAINING@FREDLOYA.COM Respondent
10	m.
11	Maidene Scheiner Maidene Scheiner
12	
13	
14	
15	
16	
17	
18	
19	
20	
21	
22	
23	
24	
25	

JUL 26 2018

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

DEPT. OF INSURANCE

In the Matter of:

Benitez, Junior Javier

Respondent

2

1

4

6

9

11 12

10

13 14

15 16

18

17

19 20

21 22

24 25

23

26 27

28 29

30

No. 18A-037-INS

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE DECISION

HEARING: July 12, 2018

(National Producer Number 18446424)

<u>APPEARANCES</u>: Respondent Junior Javier Benitez did not appear. The Arizona Department of Insurance was represented by Assistant Attorney General Lynette Evans.

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Tammy L. Eigenheer

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. At all times material to this matter, Junior Javier Benitez (Respondent) was licensed by the Arizona Department of Insurance (Department).
- 2. On or about June 20, 2017, the Department issued Respondent a license as an insurance producer, National Producer Number 18446424 (License), which expires on August 31, 2020.
- 3. Aqueelah Currie, Licensing Supervisor, 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 November 6, 2017, the Department issued a letter to Respondent by mail, informing him that his fingerprint card that was 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 the enclosed blank Illegible Fingerprint Replacement Form. The Department provided a deadline of November 30, 2017, for the return of the completed replacement fingerprint form. Respondent did not reply to the Department's request.
- 5. Because the Department did not receive the requested replacement fingerprint form from Respondent as requested, the Department sent another letter to

Office of Administrative Hearings 1740 West Adams Street, Lower Level Phoenix, Arizona 85007 (602) 542-9826

Respondent dated March 2, 2018, giving Respondent a deadline of March 30, 2018, 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.

- 6. Ms. Currie 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.
- 7. Respondent did not present any evidence to refute or rebut the evidence presented by the Department.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. 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. See A.A.C. R2-19-119.
- 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).

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, July 26, 2018

/s/ Tammy L. Eigenheer Administrative Law Judge

Transmitted electronically to:

 Keith A. Schraad, Interim Director Arizona Department of Insurance