STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:

WATSON, THOMAS ALLAN dba GLOBE BAIL BONDS, TEAMSTERS BAIL BONDS, TRUCKER BAIL BONDS, ROSES HOLBROOK BAIL BONDS, INTERSTATE BAIL BONDS, WATSON BAIL BONDS, TOMS BAIL BONDS, ST JOHNS BAIL BONDS, SPRINGERVILLE BAIL BONDS, SHOW LOW BAIL BONDS, ROSES NAVAJO CO BAIL, ROSES APACHE BAIL, PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR BAIL BONDS, PAYSON BAIL BONDS AND LAWYER BAIL BONDS

(National Producer Number 7037007)

Respondent.

No. 19A-143-INS

CONSENT ORDER

The State of Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that Thomas Allan Watson dba Globe Bail Bonds, Teamsters Bail Bonds, Trucker Bail Bonds, Roses Holbrook Bail Bonds, Interstate Bail Bonds, Watson Bail Bonds, Toms Bail Bonds, St Johns Bail Bonds, Springerville Bail Bonds, Show Low Bail Bonds, Roses Navajo Co Bail, Roses Apache Bail, Private Investigator Bail Bonds, Payson Bail Bonds and Lawyer Bail Bonds ("Watson" or "Respondent") violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."). Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, admits the following Findings of Fact are true and consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Watson was, at all material times, licensed as an Arizona Bail Bond Agent. The Department issued license number 7037007¹ on November 19, 2014. The license was last renewed on March 20, 2018 and is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2022.
- 2. Watson's addresses of record are: 1937 Sherry Lane, Show Low, Arizona 85901 (business); Post Office Box 91065, White Mountain Lake, Arizona 85912 (mailing); and usbp574@gmail.com (business email).
- 3. On or about June 5, 2019, Watson utilized a person who had not submitted fingerprints to the Department before acting as a bail recovery agent for the recovery and apprehension of a defendant to the Coconino County Detention Facility in Flagstaff, Arizona.
- 4. Watson did not file the report required by the Department identifying the person conducting an action related to bail recovery.
- 5. Watson employed a bail recovery agent who does not comply with the fingerprint submission requirement and who has not been identified in the report that is filed with the Director.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. The bail bond agent employing, hiring as an independent contractor or otherwise utilizing a bail recovery agent shall advise the Department that the bail recovery agent is providing the services to the bail bond agent on a given case or cases. The written notice to the Department must be given within twenty-four hours after the retention and shall include the name, date of birth, home and business addresses and telephone number of the bail recovery

¹ Watson's former license number, now known as the Legacy License ID Number, is 1096826.

agent. The bail recovery agent identified in the written notice shall certify on the written notice, under penalty of perjury, that the bail recovery agent has never been convicted in any jurisdiction of theft or of any felony or any crime involving carrying or the illegal use or possession of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument and that the bail recovery agent has complied with A.R.S. § 20-340.04. A.R.S. § 13-3885(C).

- 3. Any person who acts as a bail recovery agent on behalf of any bail bond agent and any person who conducts any action relating to a bail recovery or apprehension must be identified by the bail bond agent in the report that is filed with the Director pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-3885(C) and (D). A.R.S. § 20-340.04(C).
- 4. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes a violation of Title 20, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2) as applied to bail bond agents under A.R.S. § 20-340.06.
- 5. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes employing a bail recovery agent who does not comply with A.R.S. § 20-340.04(B) and who has not been identified by the bail bond agent in the report that is filed with the Director pursuant to A.R.S. § 13-3885(C), within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-340.04(D).
- 6. Grounds exist for the Director to deny, suspend for not more than twelve months, revoke or refuse to renew and insurance producer's license, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A).
- 7. Grounds exist, in addition to or instead of any suspension, revocation or refusal to renew a license, for the Director to impose a civil penalty of not more than \$250.00 for each unintentional failure or violation, up to an aggregate civil penalty of \$2,500.00, or impose a civil

penalty of not more than \$2,500.00 for each intentional failure or violation, up to an aggregate penalty of \$15,000.00, pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-295(F).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Thomas Allan Watson, National Producer Number 7037007, shall immediately pay a civil penalty of \$250 for deposit into the state general fund.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 76 4C

_day of <u>Septemble</u>, 2019)

KEITH A. SCHRAAD Director of Insurance

CONSENT TO ORDER

- Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and
 Order.
- 2. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Director of Insurance, State of Arizona, and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consents to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Respondent is aware of his right to notice and to a hearing, at which he may be represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses. Respondent irrevocably waives his right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent Order.
- 4. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to him to induce him to enter into this Consent Order and that he has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.

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COPY sent same date via electronic mail to:

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Respondent