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# BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

COMPLAINANT:

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

RESPONDENTS:

STATEWIDE BAIL BONDING
License No. 97870

TYRON WEBBER License No. 110740 STIPULATION AND ORDER

Docket No. 2011-255 BB

Enf. Case No. 2921

#### STIPULATION

- 1. Respondent, Statewide Bail Bonding is a licensed bail bond surety company in the State of Utah, holding License No. 97870. Respondent Tyron Webber, is a bail bond producer in the State of Utah, holding License No. 110740 and is the owner of Statewide Bail Bonding.
- Respondents stipulate with the Complainant, Utah Insurance Department, as
   follows:
- a. If a hearing were held, witnesses called by the Complainant could offer and introduce evidence that would support the Findings of Fact herein;

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- b. Respondents admit the Findings of Fact and Conclusions made therefrom;
- c. Respondents stipulate to the summary entry of the Order herein which shall be in lieu of other administrative proceedings by Complainant in this matter; and
- d. Respondents and Complainant have negotiated the terms of the Order entered herein and Respondents agree to its entry and further agree to be bound by all its terms.
- Respondents are aware of their right to a hearing at which they may be represented 3. by counsel, present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. Respondents have irrevocably waived their right to such hearing and to any appeal related thereto.
- Respondents admit the jurisdiction of the State of Utah Insurance Commissioner 4. as to all matters herein.
- Respondents are acting herein free from any duress or coercion of any kind or 5. nature, having been advised fully as to their rights set forth herein.
- Respondents scienowledges that the issuance of this Order by the Commissioner is б. solely for purpose of disposition of the matter entitled herein.

DATED this 13 day of bc

Tryon Webber, Owner

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

M/Gale Lemmon, Assistant Attorney General

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Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and information in the file, the Presiding Officer makes the following Findings of Fact:

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. A Market Conduct Examiner from the Department conducted an audit of Respondent Statewide Bail Bonding conducted on April 21, 2011.
- 2. In the audit it was found the Respondents had established a trust account to hold funds received and held in a fiduciary especity. However, not all collateral funds received were placed in the trust account. Some collateral funds were deposited into and retained in Statewide's operating account, thus commingling trust funds with operating funds, and return of collateral was made from the operating account.
- 3. The audit showed that Respondents failed to maintain a general ledger of funds held in trust, and collateral funds held were only accounted for in the individual bail bond files.

  Respondents reconciled the trust account with the bank statement on a monthly basis, but failed to reconcile that account with the collateral paperwork in the bonding files. These actions resulted in a failure to maintain records that was facilitate an audit.
- 4. The sudit further revealed that the Respondents were using the services of Orvil Kelson, who has not had a bail bond surety license since March 2002, to write bail bonds.

  Respondent Tyron Webber has been acting as an agent for Respondent Statewide, but has not been designated on Statewide's license since October 2008.
- 5. Finally, the audit revealed that the Respondents have been using bail bond disclosure forms that had not been updated to reflect the 10% minimum bail bond premium or other changes required by rule.
  - 6. Respondents were cooperative during the audit, and since the audit, Respondents have

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taken steps to implement the necessary changes.

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation and Findings of Fact, the Presiding Officer enters the following Conclusions of Law:

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. In failing to retain all collateral funds held in a fiduciary capacity in a trust account and in commingling trust funds with operating funds of Respondent Statewide Rail Bonds,

  Respondents violated Urah Code Ann. §§ 31A-35-603(1) & (2) and 31A-23a-409, and Utah

  Admin. Code Rule R590-170-4 & -5.
- In failing to keep records of funds held in a fiduciary capacity in a manner that would facilitate an audit, Respondents violated Utah Admin. Code Rule R590-170-7.
- 3. In utilizing the services of an unlicensed bail bond agent, Respondents violated Utah Code Am. §§ 31A-23a-103(1)(c) and 31A-35-402(3).
- 4. In acting as a bail bond producer without being appointed by Respondent Statewide, Respondent Webber violated Utah Code Ann. § 31A-23a-205(2), and Respondent Statewide violated Utah Code Ann. § 31A-23a-302(1).
- 5. In utilizing forms that failed to comply with the 10% minimum bond premium rule and other changes, Respondents violated Utah Admin. Code Rule R590-170-6

Based upon the foregoing Stipulation, Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Presiding Officer herewith enters the following Order:

## ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

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- Respondents Statewide Bail Bonding and Tryon Webber are jointly and severally
  assessed an administrative forfeiture in the amount of \$5,500.00 to be paid to the Utah
  Department of Insurance within 30 days of the issuance of this Order.
- 2. Respondents' licenses are placed on probation for a period of 24 months commencing with the date of this Order. The terms of probation are that the administrative forfeiture assessed herein be paid in a timely manner, and that Respondents shall have no further violation of the Insurance Code, Department Rules, or any Order of the Commissioner.

DATED this 19th day of Decry be 2011.

NEAL T. GOOCH
Insurance Commissioner

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# NOTIFICATION

Respondents are hereby notified that failure to abide by the terms of this Order may subject you to further penalties, including additional forfaitures of up to \$5,000 per violation and the suspension or revocation of your license, and the filling of an action to enforce this Order in the District Court which may impose penalties of up to \$10,000 per day for continued violation.

You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require that you report this action to them.