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BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF UTAH

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

STIPULATION AND ORDER

Complainant,

vs.

Docket No. 2014-016 LC

MELISSA ANN VAUGHT

478 N. 2270 East Circle St. George, UT 84790 License No. 242256, Enforcement Case No. 3447

Respondent.

Judge Mark Klienfield

The Utah Insurance Department ("Department"), by and through its attorney, Perri Ann Babalis, Assistant Attorney General, and Melissa Ann Vaught ("Respondent"), a licensed insurance agent, hereby stipulate and agree as follows:

STIPULATION

- 1. Respondent, Melissa Ann Vaught, is a licensed insurance agent, holding license number 242256. Respondent's mailing address is 478 N. 2270 East Circle, St. George, Utah 84790.
- 2. Respondent admits that the Utah Insurance Commissioner has jurisdiction over Respondent and over the subject matter of this action.
- 3. Respondent acknowledges notice of agency action pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-210; further acknowledges that this Stipulation and Order is an informal proceeding pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-202; and waives the right to any hearing in this matter.
- 4. Respondent affirms that Respondent enters into this stipulation voluntarily and knowingly.
- 5. Respondent affirms that the only promises, agreements, or understandings the Respondent has obtained from the Department or from an agent or representative of the Department regarding this stipulation are contained herein.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges that Respondent has the right to be represented by legal counsel and that Respondent has waived this right. Respondent has either sought the advice of an attorney or has voluntarily chosen not to do so.
- 7. The parties acknowledge that upon approval by the Respondent and the Department, this stipulation shall be made a part of the attached final Order, and shall be the final compromise and settlement of this matter, and is not subject to agency review, reconsideration, renegotiation, modification, appeal, or hearing.
- 8. Respondent admits that on or about September 23, 2013, she completed an application for the renewal of her residential producer license. With regards to the question "Have you ever been convicted of a crime, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a crime, which has not been previously reported to this insurance department," Respondent answered "NO".
- 9. Respondent admits that on or about October 30, 2013, she entered into two (2) Pleas in Abeyance, coupled with two (2) fines of \$623.

- 10. Respondent admits that she should have reported the Plea in Abeyance and the court fine to the Department on her license renewal application.
- 11. Respondent admits that the above acts and practices constitute violations of the Utah Insurance Code. Specifically, Respondent admits that Respondent has violated:
- a. Utah Code Ann. § 31A-23a-105, General requirements for individual and agency license issuance and renewal; and
- b. Utah Code Ann. § 31A-23a-111, Revocation, suspension, surrender, lapsing, limiting, or otherwise terminating a license - Rulemaking for renewal or reinstatement.
- 12. As full settlement of all of the issues raised in the stipulation, Respondent agrees as follows:
 - a. Respondent agrees to pay a forfeiture in the amount of \$500.00.

DATED 1	this	21	day of	repried,	2014	

Melissa Ann Vaught

Respondent

DATED this The day of March, 2014

SEAN D. REYES Attorney General

Perri Ann Babalis

Assistant Attorney General

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Based upon the foregoing Stipulation, the Presiding Office hereby enters the following:

<u>ORDER</u>

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Respondent, Melissa Ann Vaught, is ordered to pay a forfeiture in the amount of \$500.00, which amount is due and owing to the Department, payable over a 6-month period.

DATED this 10 day of March, , 2014.

TODD E. KISER INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

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NOTIFICATIONS

- 1. Respondent is hereby notified that failure to abide by the terms of this Order may subject you to further penalties, including additional forfeitures of up to \$2,500.00 per violation.
- 2. You are further notified that other jurisdictions in which you may be licensed may require that you report this action to them.