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**BEFORE THE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

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UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,  Complainant,  vs.  RENEE KESSELL,  Respondent.	<b>NOTICE OF INFORMAL AGENCY ACTION AND ORDER</b>  Docket No. 2019-4179  Lisa Watts Baskin Presiding Officer
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**NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION**

The Utah Insurance Department (“the Department”) commences this agency action against Respondent Renee Kessell (“Respondent”) pursuant to Utah Code §§ 31A-2-201 and 63G-4-201 through -203 and to Utah Admin. Code R590-160.

This agency action is based on the facts and law set forth in the attached Declaration and is designated as an informal adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-202(1) and Utah Admin. Code R590-160-4 and -7.

**ORDER**

Based on the facts and the law set forth in the attached Declaration, and good cause appearing, the Utah Insurance Commissioner orders as follows:

1. Respondent's application for a Utah resident producer individual insurance license is denied.

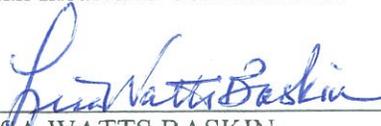
2. Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-203(1)(i) and Utah Admin. Code R590-160-7(1), this informal adjudicative proceeding shall be deemed closed, and this Order shall become final and take full effect, 15 days after this Notice of Informal Agency Action and Order is emailed to Respondent unless a request for a hearing on this matter is received from Respondent prior to that date.

3. A request for a hearing shall be sent by email to [uidadmincases@utah.gov](mailto:uidadmincases@utah.gov) or by U.S. mail to Office of the Administrative Law Judge, Utah Insurance Department, 3110 State Office Building, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. The request for hearing shall be signed by the person making the request and shall state the basis for the relief requested.

4. If you fail to request a hearing you will be bound by this Order. Failure to request a hearing will be deemed a failure to exhaust administrative remedies and will preclude any further administrative or judicial review or appeal of this matter.

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019.

TODD E. KISER  
Utah Insurance Commissioner

  
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LISA WATTS BASKIN

Presiding Officer  
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**NOTICE REGARDING ENFORCEMENT OF THE ORDER**

Failure to obey the Order may subject you to further penalties that include forfeitures of up to \$2,500 per violation, license suspension or revocation, further enforcement action before the Utah District Court where forfeitures of up to \$10,000 may be imposed. If you are licensed in other jurisdictions, you may be required to report this proceeding to those jurisdictions.

## DECLARATION

Under criminal penalty of Utah law, I, Randy Overstreet, declare the following:

1. I am currently employed as Director of the Producer Licensing Division with the Utah Insurance Department where my responsibilities include investigating and enforcing Utah insurance laws.

2. I submit this Declaration as the basis for issuing the Notice of Informal Agency Action and Order against Renee Kessell (“Respondent”) to which this Declaration is attached.

3. Based on my personal knowledge and/or based on the facts appearing in the Department’s records and files, the following facts are true:

a. On October 8, 2019, the Department received an online license application from Respondent for a resident producer individual insurance license. Respondent answered “yes” to the criminal background question that asked, “Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a misdemeanor?”

b. On August 16, 2018, Respondent was convicted of retail theft, a Class B Misdemeanor, reduced to a Class C Misdemeanor, and of possession of a controlled substance, a Class A Misdemeanor, in the Fifth District Court- St. George, Washington County, State of Utah. Respondent was placed on probation for twelve months, which ended on July 18, 2019.

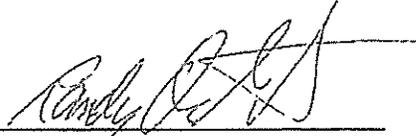
4. The above declared facts demonstrate that the following Utah insurance laws were not complied with:

a. Utah Code § 31A-23a-111(5)(b)(xiv)(B), convicted of a misdemeanor involving fraud, misrepresentation, theft, or dishonesty;

- b. Utah Code § 31A-23a-107(2)(a)(ii), failing to meet the trustworthy character requirement;
- c. Utah Code § 31A-23a-111(5)(b)(i), unqualified for a license under Utah Code § 31A-23a-104, -105, or -107; and
- d. Utah Admin. Code R590-281-4(1)(c)(iv), applying for a license prior to the end of the required time period (three years) from the date Respondent was released from court ordered probation resulting from a misdemeanor conviction involving fraud, misrepresentation, theft, or dishonesty.

5. Based on the facts and law set forth above, Respondent's application for a Utah resident producer individual insurance license should be denied.

Signed on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2019, at Salt Lake City, Utah.



Randy Overstreet  
Director, Producer Licensing Division  
Utah Insurance Department