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BEFORE THE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

<p>UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, Complainant, vs. LEWIS SHAVER, Respondent.</p>	<p>NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING AND ORDER</p> <p>Docket No. 2020-4224</p> <p>Lisa Watts Baskin Presiding Officer</p>
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NOTICE OF INFORMAL ADJUDICATIVE PROCEEDING

The Utah Insurance Department (“Department”) commences this informal adjudicative proceeding against Respondent Lewis Shaver (“Respondent”) pursuant to Utah Code §§ 31A-2-201 and 63G-4-201 through -203 and Utah Admin. Code R590-160.

This informal adjudicative proceeding 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 -8.

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 non-resident producer individual insurance license is revoked.


2. Pursuant to Utah Code § 63G-4-203(1)(i) and Utah Admin. Code R590-160-8(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 Adjudicative Proceeding 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 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 18th day of June, 2020.

TODD E. KISER
Utah Insurance Commissioner



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, and/or 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, William Stimpson, declare the following:

1. I am currently employed as a market conduct investigator for the Utah Insurance Department (“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 Adjudicative Proceeding and Order against Lewis Shaver (“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. Respondent is a non-resident individual producer holding license no. 610056.
- b. Respondent’s last known address is 6663 Seaway Dr., Brooksville, FL 34604-9003.
- c. On February 20, 2020, Freedom Life Insurance Company of America (“Freedom”) notified the Department that it had terminated Respondent’s appointment for cause for engaging in fraudulent conduct.

Freedom’s Audit of Business Respondent Submitted to the Company

d. Freedom conducted an audit of business that Respondent had submitted to the company and discovered the following:

- i. Many of Respondent’s applicants (50 out of 143 reviewed) shared the same Bank of America bank account.
- ii. Policies and ID cards for many of these applicants were returned as undeliverable due to incorrect addresses.
- iii. Many of the telephone numbers for these applicants were incorrect.

iv. The initial drafts for many of these applicants were returned due to insufficient funds.

e. On February 14, 2020, Respondent admitted to Freedom that he created and submitted fraudulent applications to Freedom.

The Department's Attempts to Contact Respondent

f. The Department attempted to contact Respondent about his termination at the following email address: lheshaver@gmail.com. The Department received no response from Respondent.

g. The Department attempted to contact Respondent via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, at the following address: 6663 Seaway Dr., Brooksville, Florida, 34604. The Department received no response from Respondent.

h. Respondent has not updated his contact information in SIRCON, nor has he done so with the Department.

4. Based upon the aforementioned paragraphs, the following Utah insurance laws were not complied with:

a. Utah Code § 31A-23a-111(5)(b)(xiii)(A)(B), intentionally misrepresenting the terms of an insurance contract and application for insurance.

b. Utah Code § 31A-23a-111(5)(b)(xviii), forging another's name to an application for insurance, or a document related to an insurance transaction.

c. Utah Code § 31A-2-202(4)(a), failing to reply promptly to a reasonable inquiry from the Commissioner.

d. Utah Code § 31A-23a-412(1), failing to register and maintain an address, one or more telephone numbers, and a valid business email address at which the

Commissioner may contact licensee. Failing to change contact information within 30 days.

5. Based on the aforementioned paragraphs and law set forth above, Respondent's non-resident producer individual insurance license should be revoked.

Signed on this 15th day of June, 2020, at Salt Lake City, Utah.

/s/ William Stimpson
William Stimpson
Market Conduct Investigator
Utah Insurance Department