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BEFORE THE UTAH INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

UTAH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

Complainant,

VS.

WILLIAM JUSTIN FRY,

Respondent.

STIPULATED FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

Docket No. 2022-4438

Donald H. Hansen

Administrative Law Judge/Presiding Officer

Complainant, Utah Insurance Department ("Department") and Respondent, William Justin Fry, have stipulated to entry of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

Based upon that stipulation, and good cause appearing, the Presiding Officer makes and enters the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a Utah resident producer individual insurance licensee holding Utah license number 604437.

- 2. Respondent's mailing address is ______, ________,
- 3. On June 30, 2021, Respondent was charged by information with one count of Violation of a Protective Order, a Class A Misdemeanor in *State of Utah v. William Justin Fry*, Case No. 211500169, Fourth District Court-Heber Department, Wasatch County, State of Utah. Respondent entered a guilty plea on August 3, 2022, which was held in abeyance. Respondent was placed on probation for a period of 24 months, ordered to complete a thinking errors class and serve 30 days in jail.
- 4. On July 15, 2021, Respondent was charged by information with two counts Aggravated Assault, both third degree felonies, one count Unlawful Detention, a Class B Misdemeanor and one count Damage/Interruption of a Communication Device, a Class B Misdemeanor in *State of Utah v. William Justin Fry*, Case No. 211907501, Third District Court-Salt Lake Department, Salt Lake County, State of Utah certified docket). The charges stemmed from a May 8, 2021, incident involving domestic violence.
- 5. On March 2, 2022, Respondent was charged with one count Possession of a Dangerous Weapon by a Restricted Person, a third-degree felony related to a domestic violence incident on November 12, 2021, in *State of Utah v. William Justin Fry*, Case No. 221902029, Third District Court-Salt Lake Department, Salt Lake County, State of Utah. On August 25, 2022, Respondent entered a guilty plea to the third-degree felony. The plea was held in abeyance and Respondent was placed on a zero-tolerance supervised probation for a period of thirty-six months. Respondent was ordered to complete a substance abuse evaluation, a domestic violence evaluation, a mental health evaluation and successfully complete any recommended treatment. Respondent was also ordered to abide by the protective order prohibiting contact with the victim.

Respondent was further ordered to forfeit any firearms in his possession.

- 6. On June 20, 2022, Respondent was charged by information with one count Assault and one count Wrongful Appropriation, both Class B Misdemeanors related to a May 8, 2022, incident involving domestic violence. (See *Draper City v. William Justin Fry*, case no. 221100166, Draper Justice Court, Salt Lake County, State of Utah).
- 7. On August 25, 2022, Respondent entered his guilty plea to one count Aggravated Assault, a third-degree felony, in case no. 211907501, *State of Utah v. William Justin Fry*, Third District Court- Salt Lake Department, Salt Lake County, State of Utah. Respondent was sentenced to 90 days jail, ordered to pay \$8,430.00 in criminal restitution, and required to obtain a substance abuse evaluation, a mental health evaluation, and a domestic violence evaluation and complete any recommended treatment. Respondent was also ordered to abide by the continuous protective order prohibiting any contact with the victim in this case and forfeit any firearms he possesses. Respondent's probation was placed on zero tolerance for any further violations of law.
- 8. On September 1, 2022, Respondent sent a statement via email to the Department to explain his criminal charges. In that statement, Respondent untruthfully told the department "All charges are on a plea in abeyance. No felonies are on record".
- 9. The Department and Respondent have agreed to the revocation of Respondent's Utah resident producer individual insurance license, number 604437.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Utah Insurance Commissioner ("Commissioner") has jurisdiction over the parties and this adjudicative proceeding pursuant to Utah Code §§ 31A-1-105 and 31A-2-201.

- 2. The Commissioner has legal authority to impose penalties on the Department's licensees who violate the Utah Insurance Code. Utah Code § 31A-2-308.
- 3. Respondent violated Utah Code § 31A-23a-111(5)(b)(i), by being unqualified for a license under Utah Code§ § 31A-23a-104, 105, or 107.
- 4. Respondent violated Utah Code § 31A-23a-111(5)(b)(xiv), by having been convicted of a felony.
- 5. Based on Utah Code § 31A-2-308 and other similar enforcement cases, the Respondent's insurance license should be revoked.

ORDER

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is hereby Ordered that:

- 1. Respondent's Utah resident producer individual insurance license number 604437 is revoked.
- 2. Respondent acknowledges that the Department will report the revocation to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners and to any other entity requesting license information about the Respondent.
- 3. The Respondent will disclose the revocation to insurance regulatory agencies as required and insurers upon request.
- 4. This formal adjudicative proceeding shall be deemed closed and all dates outlined in the Scheduling Order and Notice of Evidentiary Hearing, dated December 13, 2022, and filed in

this matter, as well as the date set for oral argument on the Complainant's Motion for Summary Judgment currently set for February 27, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. shall be stricken.

DATED this 13th day of February 2023.

JONATHAN T. PIKE Utah Insurance Commissioner

/s/ Donald H. Hansen

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

Failure to obey this Order may subject you to further penalties that include a forfeiture of up to \$2,500 per violation, with each day of the violation constituting a separate violation. Other penalties for failing to obey this Order may include license suspension, probation, refusal to renew, or revocation. Failure to obey this Order may also result in an action taken against you in a court of competent jurisdiction where forfeitures of up to \$10,000 for each day the failure to comply continues until judgment is rendered. If you are licensed in other jurisdictions, you may be required to report this proceeding in those jurisdictions

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that on this date a true and correct copy of the foregoing

Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order was emailed to:

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DATED this 21st day of February 2023.

/s/ Jeanine Couser

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