### Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 07/07/2020

Subject Considered:

Am<mark>elia Madugal Per</mark>alta

Laredo, Texas 78041

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-20-3624.C TDI Enforcement File No. 20471

### General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Amelia Madugal Peralta (Respondent) because she: misappropriated, converted to her own use, or illegally withheld money belonging to an insurer; engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices; willfully violated an insurance law of this state; failed to respond to the department's inquiry; and, failed to notify the department on a monthly basis of a change to her mailing address. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance. This order revokes Respondent's license.

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

### **Findings of Fact**

### Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- 1. On May 11, 2020, the department filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.

3. The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's <u>last kn</u>own address provided in writing to the department,

, Texas 78041. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent to the following two addresses: , Texas 78238 and , Texas 78041. In addition, these documents were sent electronically to two email addresses associated with the Respondent.

4. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas law, including TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, 4054.051, and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056; TEX. INS. CODE § 82.055; and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
- 3. The department provided proper notice of the hearing pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054, and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default pursuant to 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. The department's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true pursuant to 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.89.

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### Order

It is ordered that Amelia Madugal Peralta's general lines agent license is revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement and/or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

Kent C. Sullivan Commissioner of Insurance

—DocuSigned by:

By: Doug Slape

Doug Slape Chief Deputy Commissioner Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5528

Prepared and reviewed by:

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Anna Kalapach, Staff Attorney Enforcement Division

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#### Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS	§
	§
COUNTY OF TRAVIS	§

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Sonia Beck, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Sonia Beck and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Amelia Madugal Peralta. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Amelia Madugal Peralta is , Texas 78041.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated May 11, 2020, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On May 11, 2020, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Amelia Madugal Peralta were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to her last known address and two additional addresses: Texas 78238, and

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A copy of the certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division is attached as

Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on June 16 2020.

(NOTARY SEAL)

CHELSEA PICASIO My Notary ID # 131153160 Expires June 1, 2021

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Signature of Notary Public

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#### **BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE**

Petitioner

v.

OF

### AMELIA MADUGAL PERALTA,

Respondent

### ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

### **NOTICE OF HEARING**

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against you. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by the Department.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Tuesday, August 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place at the State Office of Administrative Hearings, located in the William P. Clements Building, 300 W. 15th Street, 4th Floor, Austin, Texas, 78701.

The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE, ch. 2001 and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.

YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS MAILED. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE SHALL ENTITLE TDI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT PURSUANT TO 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.501 AND 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.



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IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.90(e) and 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.101 and 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

- Docketing Division
  State Office of Administrative Hearings
  300 West 15th Street, Room 504
  P.O. Box 13025
  Austin, Texas 78711-3025
  (512) 322-2061 (Fax);
- (2) Chief Clerk Texas Department of Insurance P.O. Box 149104, MC112-2A Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 490-1064 (Fax) chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Anna Kalapach, Staff Attorney Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 490-1020 (Fax) anna.kalapach@tdi.texas.gov

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### **Receiving Documents**

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) offers you the ability to receive service of orders and other documents issued by SOAH through email instead of by mail or fax. If you want to receive SOAH-issued documents by email, go to SOAH's website, <u>www.soah.texas.gov</u>, click on the "E-Services" tab, then click the "eFiling" hyperlink, and follow the instructions.

NOTE: A request to receive SOAH-issued documents by email does not change the procedures you must follow to file documents with SOAH. The rules for filing documents and providing copies to all other parties in the case are described in SOAH's Procedural Rules, which are available on SOAH's website. Click the "Agency" tab, then click "Administrative Rules and Laws" to view SOAH's Procedural Rules.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number shown below.

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Enclosure: Original Petition

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Rachel Cloyd, Litigation Director, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Administrative Review, MC107-1A

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Anna Kalapach, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by the following methods, on this 11th day of May, 2020 to:

<u>Amelia Maduq</u>al Peralta

Laredo, TX 78041 *Respondent Pro Se* 

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<i>Via</i> email to	a	nd

Via CM/RRR No.: 9214890194038312235659

San Antonio, TX 78238

Amelia Madugal Peralta

Amelia Madugal Peralta

Laredo, TX 78041

Via CM/RRR No.: 9214890194038312235710

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Anna Kalapach

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### ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

### **ORIGINAL PETITION**

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Amelia Madugal Peralta. In support of this petition, the department makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

### Jurisdiction

The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, 4054.051, and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

### **Factual Allegations**

### Licensure

- 1. Amelia Madugal Peralta ("Peralta"), individual identification no. 1389643, previously held a county mutual agent license with the department, which expired on October 31, 2019. Peralta failed to renew in accordance with TEX. INS. CODE § 4003.007.
- 2. Peralta presently holds an active general lines agent license with a life, accident, health, and HMO qualification, issued by the department on January 12, 2015.



### Misappropriation, Conversion, or Illegal Withholding of Money Belonging to Insurer

- 3. Since 2015, Peralta has held an appointment with Reliable Life Insurance Company ("Reliable") to perform the acts of an agent on Reliable's behalf. On November 20, 2017, Reliable cancelled Peralta's appointment.
- 4. An audit conducted by Reliable after that cancellation identified \$4,263.47 in customer premiums that Peralta collected, but failed to pay Reliable between February 2017 and November 2017. These funds were due and owing to Reliable.
- 5. The amount of Peralta's cash bond with Reliable, \$3,051.24, did not cover the entire amount of premiums due to Reliable. Reliable maintains that \$1,212.23 is the remaining balance owed to Reliable.
- 6. Peralta misappropriated, converted, or illegally withheld \$4,263.47 from Reliable, and continues to owe Reliable an additional \$1,212.23.

### Failure to Respond to an Inquiry

- 7. On October 30, 2019, the department sent an inquiry to Peralta and informed her that she must respond not later than 15 days after receipt of the inquiry. Although the inquiry was sent to Peralta by email, her preferred method of correspondence, Peralta did not respond to the department's inquiry.
- 8. The department sent another inquiry to Peralta on December 30, 2019, and again informed her that she must timely respond. Although that inquiry was also sent to Peralta by email, Peralta did not respond.
- 9. On April 8, 2020, the department sent another inquiry to Peralta and again informed her that she must timely respond. This inquiry was sent to Peralta by email, first class mail, and certified mail return receipt requested. A return receipt shows that the inquiry mailed to Peralta at a Laredo address associated with Peralta was delivered. Peralta did not respond to the department's inquiry.

### Failure to Notify Department of Change in Mailing Address

- 10. On December 9, 2019, the department sent an email to Peralta requesting that she update her current mailing address by making the proper filing with the department's Licensing Division. Peralta responded in an email dated December 27, 2019, but did not update her mailing address as requested.
- 11. On December 30, 2019, the department again sent an email to Peralta requesting that she update her current mailing address properly. Peralta did not respond and Peralta has not updated her mailing address of record with the department.

### Legal Allegations

- 1. Peralta misappropriated, converted to her own use, or illegally withheld money belonging to an insurer, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(4).
- 2. Peralta engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(5).
- 3. Peralta has willfully violated an insurance law of this state, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(1).
- 4. Peralta failed to respond to the department's inquiry in writing not later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day after the date of the inquiry, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 38.001.
- 5. Peralta failed to notify the department on a monthly basis of a change to her mailing address, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4001.252(a)(1).

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## **Relief Sought**

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, the department asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the Commissioner of Insurance issue an order:

- 1. revoking Amelia Madugal Peralta's license; and
- 2. any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law.

Respectfully Submitted,

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