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Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: FEB 2 7 2020

Subject Considered:

Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr.

Garland, Texas 75044

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-20-1727.C TDI Enforcement File No. 18123

General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr. ("Respondent"), because Respondent is currently imprisoned following a felony conviction. Respondent did not respond to the 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 December 20, 2019, 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 last known address provided in writing to the department,

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Garland, Texas 75044. The Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition were also sent to the two following additional addresses associated with Respondent:

Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr. Register No. 81378-053 FCI Oakdale II Federal Correctional Institution

Oakdale, LA 71463

Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr.

Dallas, TX 75229

- 4. The department also sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's former criminal defense attorney, Victor D. Martinez, by electronic mail and to an address associated with Victor D. Martinez: Tampa, Florida 33606.
- 5. 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, 4003.007, 4005.101, 4005.102, 4051.051, TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178, and TEX. Occ. CODE §§ 53.021-53.023.
- 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.

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- 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.
- 6. Respondent's license is subject to mandatory revocation due to his incarceration following his felony conviction. TEX. OCC. CODE § 53.021(b).

Order

It is ordered that Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr.'s general lines agent license is revoked.

Kent C. Sullivan Commissioner of Insurance

By: Doug Slape

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

Prepared and reviewed by:

Anna Kalapach, Staff Attorney Enforcement Division

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Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS	§
	§
COUNTY OF TRAVIS	§

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

"My name is Mary Ruiz 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 Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the Department in writing by Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr., is **Example 1**, Garland, Texas 75044.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and an Original Petition dated December 20, 2019, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On December 20, 2019, the Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition addressed to Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr., were mailed first-class, and certified, return receipt requested, to Respondent's last known address and the following additional addresses:

Victor D. Martinez Tampa, FL 33606 and via email at Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr. Register No. 81378-053 FCI Oakdale II Federal Correctional Institution

Oakdale, LA 71463



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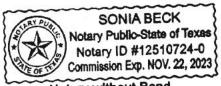
Dallas, TX 75229

Copies of the first-class mail log and certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division are attached as Exhibit C and Exhibit D, respectively."

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on

(NOTARY SEAL)



Notary without Bond

123/2020 Signature of Notary Public SONLA MERK

Printed Name of Notary Public

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

Petitioner

v.

OF

OKECHUKWU DESMOND AMADI, JR.,

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 **Monday, March 16, 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.

EXHIBIT

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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 "Email Service" 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.

Important Security Notice

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Kalapach State Bar No. 24083290 Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 676-6326 (Direct) (512) 490-1020 (Fax) anna.kalapach@tdi.texas.gov

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 regular, first-class mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 20th day of December, 2019 to:

Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr.

Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8302 9312 64

Garland, TX 75044 Respondent Pro Se

Victor D. Martinez

Tampa, FL 33606

and via email at

Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8302 9312 88

Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr. Register No. 81378-053 FCI Oakdale II Federal Correctional Institution Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8302 9313 25

Oakdale, LA 71463

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Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8302 9313 56

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Okechukwu Desmond Amadi, Jr. ("Amadi"). 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, 4003.007, 4005.101, 4005.102, 4051.051, TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178, and TEX. OCC. CODE §§ 53.021-53.023.

Factual Allegations

Licensure

- 1. Amadi, individual identification no. 335501, was issued a general lines agent license with a property and casualty trainee qualification on November 10, 2000.
- 2. Amadi was issued a property and casualty qualification for his license on September 1, 2001.
- On November 30, 2019, Amadi's license expired. However, under TEX. INS. CODE § 4003.007, Amadi may still attempt to renew his license at this time.



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Conviction of Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering and Money Laundering

- 4. On or about June 2014 through about July 2016, Amadi did knowingly and willfully combine, conspire, and agree with other individuals to conduct financial transactions affecting interstate and foreign commerce knowing that the transactions were designed in whole and in part to avoid a transaction reporting requirement under federal law.
- 5. On or about July 2, 2014, and July 7, 2014, Amadi conducted, and aided and abetted others in conducting, two financial transactions affecting interstate commerce. Amadi transported, transmitted, and transferred monetary instruments and funds which involved the proceeds of wire fraud in order to conceal and disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, and control of the proceeds of such unlawful activity.
- 6. Amadi pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and two counts of money laundering.
- On April 12, 2019, the U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida, Tampa Division,
 imposed judgment finding Amadi guilty of one count of felony conspiracy to commit money laundering and two counts of felony money laundering.
- 8. Amadi was sentenced to 135 months of imprisonment and three years of mandatory community supervision following his period of imprisonment. Amadi was also ordered to pay \$1,358,500.00 in restitution and forfeit \$833,625.00 in assets.
- 9. Amadi is currently incarcerated in a federal correctional institution, FCI Oakdale II, in Oakdale, Louisiana.

Legal Allegations

- Amadi was imprisoned following a felony conviction, as contemplated by TEX. Occ. CODE § 53.021(b).
- 2. Amadi engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(5).

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 Amadi was convicted of a felony, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(8).

Relief Sought

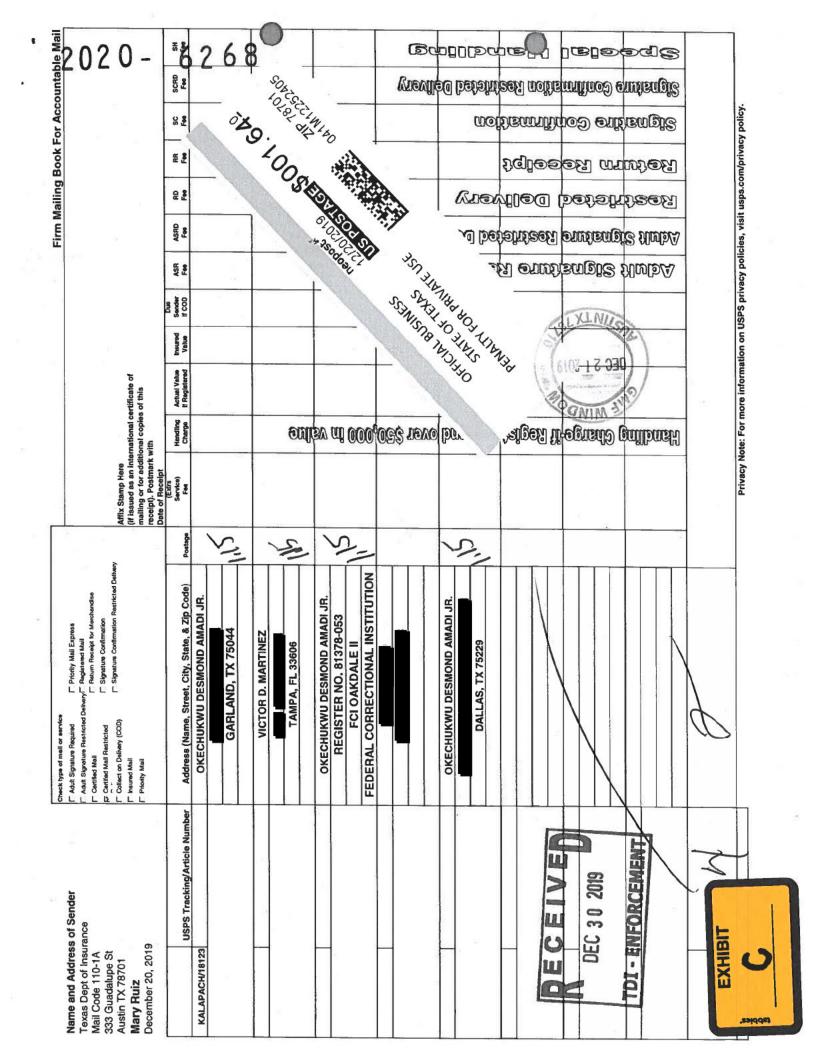
If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, the Department asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the Commissioner of Insurance issue an order:

- 1. revoking Amadi's license; and
- 2. any other just and appropriate relief to which the Department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anna Kalapach State Bar No. 24083290 Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC110-1A P.O. Box 149104 Austin, Texas 78714-9104 (512) 676-6326 (Direct) (512) 490-1020 (Fax) anna.kalapach@tdi.texas.gov

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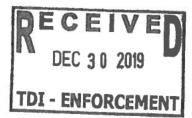
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