



**OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

BULLETIN NO. BB 2016-02

TO: ALL BAIL BONDSMEN LICENSED IN THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA
DISTRICT COURT CLERKS

RE: SOLICITATION

FROM: OKLAHOMA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

DATE: APRIL 27, 2016

The Oklahoma Insurance Department has recently received numerous telephone calls and complaints about bail bondsmen who solicit business in or about any place where prisoners are confined, arraigned, or in custody. These complaints involve direct and indirect solicitation in the courthouse and jail. All such solicitation is strictly prohibited by 59 O.S. §1310(A)(16).

Solicitation is defined at 59 O.S. §1301(B)(11). Solicitation means to ask for earnestly, seek to obtain by persuasion or entreaty, implore, beseech, tempt or entice a person directly or through another person by personal, mechanical, printed or published means to purchase a bail bond. Solicitation shall not include mass communication advertising, which shall include, but not be limited to, television, newspapers, magazines and billboards.

Upon sufficient proof, violators will be subject to the appropriate administrative action by the Department. The proof needed to establish any allegations must be provided by the complainant and must be by clear and convincing evidence.

QUESTIONS

Questions applicable to this bulletin should be submitted in written form to bail.licensing@oid.ok.gov or Oklahoma Insurance Department, 3625 NW 56th Street, Suite 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73112-4511.

The Oklahoma Insurance Department encourages readers of this bulletin to periodically check the Department's website www.oid.ok.gov or <http://www.bailbonds.oid.ok.gov> for news, updates, bulletins and other relevant material.