

BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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OKLAHOMA

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel. JOHN D. )  
DOAK, Insurance Commissioner, )  
Petitioner, )  
)  
vs. )  
)  
GREGORY BATES, a licensed bail bondsman in )  
the State of Oklahoma, )  
)  
Respondent. )  
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CASE NO. 11-0528-DIS

**CONDITIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
**AND NOTICE OF RIGHT TO BE HEARD**

COMES NOW the State of Oklahoma, ex rel., John D. Doak, Insurance Commissioner, by and through counsel and alleges and states as follows:

**JURISDICTION**

1. John D. Doak is the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma and as such is charged with the duty of administering and enforcing all provisions of the Oklahoma Insurance Code 36 O.S. §§ 101-7004 and the Oklahoma Bail Bond Act 59 O.S. §§ 1301-1340.

2. Respondent Gregory Bates ("Bates") is a licensed bail bondsman in the State of Oklahoma holding license number 199085.

**FINDINGS**

1. On or about December 31, 2010, an appearance bond was executed as follows:

Defendant:	Candida Ulibarri
Case Number(s):	CF-09-1110A
City/County:	Tulsa County
Surety:	Gregory Bates

Bondsman:	Raymond Merrill
Power Number(s):	25-2487
Bond Amount(s):	\$6,000.00

2. On January 3, 2011, the Defendant failed to appear, and the bond was declared forfeited. An Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was issued by the municipal court on January 3, 2011 and filed in the case. A true and correct copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture was mailed to Respondents with return receipt requested within thirty (30) days after the forfeiture.

3. Bates received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on January 13, 2011.

4. Merrill received a copy of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture on January 7, 2011.

5. The ninety-first (91<sup>st</sup>) day after receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture by Respondents was April 14, 2011. The Defendant was not returned to custody within ninety (90) days of receipt of the Order and Judgment of Forfeiture.

6. The forfeited bond was paid on April 15, 2011.

7. On May 13, 2011, the Insurance Department ("Department") issued a Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to be Heard, mailed certified mail, return receipt requested, to both Bates and Merrill. On May 31, 2011, the certified mail sent to Bates was returned marked "Return to Sender, Not Deliverable as Addressed, Unable to Forward."

8. On September 30, 2011, the pleading was again mailed to Bates through certified mail, return receipt requested.

9. Bates received the Conditional Order on October 5, 2011.

10. The Order became final on November 4, 2011, and the fine of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) became due.

11. As of the date of this Conditional Order, the fine remains unpaid.

## CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The allegations are found to be true and correct, and Respondent has failed to comply with and order of the Commissioner. Under 59 O.S. § 1310(A)(7), the Commissioner may suspend any license for “failure to comply with, or any violation of any proper order, rule, or regulation of the Commissioner.”

## ORDER

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Gregory Bates’ bail bondsman license is suspended.**

Respondent is further notified that they may request a hearing within 30 days of the receipt of this Order concerning this action, and upon such request, the Oklahoma Insurance Department shall conduct a hearing before an independent hearing examiner. A request for hearing shall be made in writing to Michael P. Copeland, Oklahoma Insurance Department, Legal Division, 3625 NW 56<sup>th</sup> Suite 100, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73112 and state the basis for requesting the hearing.

**If Respondent does not request a hearing within the 30 days allotted, this Order shall become a FINAL ORDER on the 31<sup>st</sup> day following the receipt of the Order, and Gregory Bates’ bail bondsman license (number 199085) shall be suspended, and the fine of One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) shall be due.**

WITNESS My Hand and Official Seal this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

JOHN D. DOAK  
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA



  
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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing *Conditional Administrative Order and Notice of Right to Be Heard* was mailed certified, return receipt requested, on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, to:

Gregory Bates  
P.O. Box 27202  
Tulsa, OK 74149

  
Michael P. Copeland

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