

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

In the Matter of the Kansas)
Resident Insurance Agent's License of) Docket No. 4130-SO
ERIC C. WILLIS)
NPN: # 9932239)

SUMMARY ORDER

(Pursuant to K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 40-4909 and K.S.A. 77-501)

Pursuant to the authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") by K.S.A. 40-4909, the Commissioner hereby revokes the resident agent's license of Respondent, **ERIC C. WILLIS** ("Respondent"). This Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period if no request for hearing is made, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-542.

Findings of Fact

The Commissioner finds the following facts:

1. Records maintained by the KID indicate that the Respondent is licensed as a resident agent to transact the business of insurance in Kansas and has been so licensed since December 3, 2007.
2. KID records further indicate a mailing address of 3428 SE Taurus Ave., Topeka, KS 66605-1982.
3. KID has learned that as part of the Willis Bail/Bond business you have been involved in collecting and bonding individuals on behalf of Ms. P. B., Mr. N. B., Mr. T. F. and Mr. R. C. The terms of the bail have been satisfied. However, the money has not been fully refunded.
4. Respondent responded to a letter from the undersigned Staff Attorney stating that he is only a sub-contractor for a bonding company and has no dealings in

the finances of the company. However, the investigation of the matter has revealed that Respondent took Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 5,000) from Mr. T. F. in the parking lot of the Dillon's store at 29th and California, Topeka, Kansas. Not only did the principle of the company not know of said receipt, no bond was issued for the money taken.

5. Respondent requested a hearing before the hearing officer for KID to prove the above facts. A prehearing was set for August 24, 2010. On August 23, 2010 Respondent telephoned KID and requested that his request for a hearing be withdrawn.

Applicable Law

6. K.S.A. 40-4909(a) provides, in relevant part:

“The commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke or refuse renewal of any license issued under this act if the commissioner finds that the applicant or license holder has:

(2) Violated:

(A) Any provision of chapter 40 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated, and amendments thereto, or any rule and regulation promulgated hereunder;

(4) Improperly withheld, misappropriated or converted any moneys or properties received in the course of doing insurance business.

(8) Used any fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practice, or demonstrated any incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this state or elsewhere. . . .”

7. The Commissioner may revoke any license issued under the Insurance Agents Licensing Act if the Commissioner finds that the interests of the insurer or the insurable interests of the public are not properly served under such license. K.S.A. 40-4909(b).

8. K.S.A. 40-247 requires a producer must forward insurance premiums received.

Conclusions of Law

9. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over Respondent as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.

10. The Commissioner finds, based on the facts contained in paragraphs 3 and 4, that Respondent has demonstrated incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business.

11. Based on the Respondent's actions explained in paragraphs 3 and 4, the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of Respondent's insurance agent's license pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(b) because such license is not properly serving the interests of the insurer and the insurable interests of the public.

12. Based on the facts and circumstances set forth herein, it appears that the use of summary proceedings in this matter is appropriate, in accordance with the provisions set forth in K.S.A. 77-537(a), in that the use of summary proceedings does not violate any provision of the law and the protection of the public interest does not require the KID to give notice and opportunity to participate to persons other than Eric C. Willis.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THAT the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of Eric C. Willis is hereby **REVOKED**. **It is further ordered,** that Eric C. Willis shall **CEASE and DESIST** from the sale, solicitation,

or negotiation of insurance and/or receiving compensation deriving from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance conducted after the effective date of this order.

NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

ERIC C. WILLIS, within fifteen (15) days of service of this Summary Order, may file with the Kansas Insurance Department a written request for hearing on this Summary Order, as provided by K.S.A. 77-542. In the event a hearing is requested, such request should be directed to:

John W. Campbell, General Counsel
Kansas Insurance Department
420 S.W. 9th Street
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Any costs incurred as a result of conducting any administrative hearing shall be assessed against the agent/agency who is the subject of the hearing as provided by K.S.A. 40-4909(f). Costs shall include witness fees, mileage allowances, any costs associated with reproduction of documents which become part of the hearing record, and the expense of making a record of the hearing.

If a hearing is not requested, this Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the fifteen (15) day period for requesting a hearing. The Final Order will constitute final agency action in the matter.

In the event the Respondent files a petition for judicial review, the agency officer designated pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613(e) to receive service of a petition for judicial review on behalf of the Kansas Insurance Department is:

John W. Campbell, General Counsel
Kansas Insurance Department
420 S.W. 9th St.
Topeka, Kansas 66612

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 31st DAY OF AUGUST, 2010, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



/s/ Sandy Praeger
Sandy Praeger
Commissioner of Insurance

BY:

/s/ John W. Campbell
John W. Campbell
General Counsel

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that she served the above and foregoing Summary Order on this 31st day of August, 2010, by causing the same to be deposited in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Eric C. Willis
3428 SE Taurus Ave.
Topeka, KS 66605-1982

Eric C. Willis
423 S.E. Winfield
Topeka, KS 66607

/s/ John R. Dowell
John R. Dowell
Staff Attorney