FINAL ORDER

Effective: 5-24-11

DEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Kansas Resident)	
Insurance Agent's License of) Docket No. 4295	SO
JUDY GAIL CRIM)	
NPN #6091250)	

SUMMARY ORDER (Pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909 and K.S.A. 77-537)

Pursuant to authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance ("Commissioner") by K.S.A. 40-4909, the Commissioner hereby proposes to find facts and revoke the resident insurance agent's license of Judy Gail Crim ("Respondent") by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

Findings of Fact

- 1. Records maintained by the Kansas Insurance Department ("KID") reflect that Respondent was licensed as a resident agent to transact the business of insurance on December 16, 1988, and remained so licensed until the license lapsed on April 4, 2011.
- 2. Respondent's legal and mailing address of record is 720 N. Woodland, Olathe, KS 66061.
- 3. Following investigation, the Commissioner has no reason to believe that protection of the public interest requires the Commissioner to give notice and opportunity to participate to anyone other than Respondent.
- 4. Following investigation, the Commissioner finds evidence sufficient to support the following facts:

- 5. Respondent was employed as a licensed agent and customer service representative for an American Family Insurance agency for over twenty years until her employment was terminated on September 30, 2010.
- 6. Respondent's termination resulted from the discovery that Respondent had accepted full premium payments from consumers and made minimum premium payments while retaining the balance for her own use.
- 7. Respondent admitted to "structuring" payments over several years, provided records of outstanding premium, and agreed to repay the outstanding balance.
- 8. At the time of her termination, Respondent had the use and control of approximately \$17,000 in premium funds intended and paid for immediate application to insurance policies.
- 9. By letter dated April 5, 2011, counsel for KID recited the allegations summarized in paragraphs 5 through 8 and asked Respondent to reply if she disputed the allegations.
- 10. Respondent did not reply; thus, the facts are deemed undisputed.

Applicable Law

11. 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. . . (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. . . ." K.S.A. 40-4909(a).

12. In addition, 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).

13. Lapse of a license does not deprive the Commissioner of jurisdiction to take action against the license and make a record of the facts. K.S.A. 40-4909(e).

Conclusions of Law

- 14. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over Respondent as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.
- 15. The Commissioner finds, based on the undisputed facts that Respondent has improperly withheld, misappropriated, or converted money or property received in the course of doing insurance business.
- 16. The Commissioner also finds from the same facts that Respondent has used dishonest practices and demonstrated untrustworthiness or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business.
- 17. Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of Respondent's insurance agent's license pursuant to K.S.A. 2004 Supp. 40-4909(a).
- 18. 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, the protection of the public interest does not require the KID to give notice and opportunity to participate to persons other than Respondent, and after investigation, KID believes in good faith that the allegations will be supported to the applicable standard of proof.

Policy to be Served

Before issuing an insurance agent license, the Commissioner must determine that the applicant is qualified and has not committed any act that would be grounds for denial, suspension, or revocation. K.S.A. 40-4905(b). Further, 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 the license. The following action is appropriate to promote the security and integrity of the insurance business and protect insurance consumers by licensing, or continuing to license, persons or entities to sell, solicit, or negotiate insurance in the State of Kansas only if their conduct indicates they are both qualified and trustworthy.

THAT the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of JUDY GAIL CRIM is hereby REVOKED. It is further ordered, that JUDY GAIL CRIM 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 on and after the effective date of this order.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS __5th__ DAY OF MAY 2011, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



_/s/ Sandy PraegerSandy Praeger Commissioner of Insurance
BY:
_/s/ Zachary J.C. Anshutz Zachary J.C. Anshutz General Counsel

NOTICE OF RIGHTS TO HEARING AND REVIEW

Within fifteen (15) days of the date of service of this Summary Order, Respondent may submit a written request for a hearing pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537 and K.S.A. 77-542. Any request for a hearing should be addressed to the following:

Zachary J.C. Anshutz, General Counsel Kansas Insurance Department 420 S.W. 9th Street Topeka, Kansas 66612

If a hearing is requested, the Kansas Insurance Department will serve notice of the time and place of the hearing and information on procedures, right of representation, and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of the hearing.

If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated above, this Summary Order shall become effective as a Final Order upon the expiration of time for requesting a hearing. In the event Respondent files a Petition for Judicial

Review, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-613(e), the agency officer to be served on behalf of the Kansas Insurance Department is

Zachary J.C. Anshutz, General Counsel Kansas Insurance Department 420 S.W. 9th Street Topeka, Kansas 66612

Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that she served a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing <u>Summary Order</u> and accompanying <u>Notice of Rights</u> on this _5th__ day of May 2011 by causing the same to be placed in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Judy Gail Crim 720 N. Woodland Olathe, KS 66061

> _/s/ Brenda J. Clary Brenda J. Clary Staff Attorney