

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

In the Matter of the Kansas Nonresident)
Insurance Agent's License of) Docket No. **4499--SO**
TASHEANNA BARNES)
NPN 16627315.)

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 Kansas nonresident insurance agent's license of Tasheanna Barnes ("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 is licensed as a nonresident agent to transact the business of insurance in Kansas.
2. Respondent's legal address is in Chicago Heights, Illinois, and her mailing address of record is 840 S. Frontage Road, Woodridge, IL 60517.
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 the respondent.
4. Following investigation, the Commissioner finds evidence sufficient to support the following findings of fact:
5. Respondent is appointed as an agent of Allstate Insurance Company and affiliated companies.
6. By letter of August 2, 2012, Allstate provided KID with a packet of documents and Respondent's statements about the charges and circumstances of a 2004 embezzlement charge in the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, dismissed 2008 after Respondent successfully completed a pretrial diversion, and Case Numbers 12 CR 341 and 12 TR 12185-86 in the Circuit Court of Will County, Illinois, which were pending at the time of Respondent's application.

7. Respondent has since been convicted of “obstructing ID,” a class A misdemeanor.
8. Respondent stated she was stopped for a traffic violation and presented her cousin’s identification information because she believed her driver’s license was suspended.
9. Respondent is currently on supervised probation and will be until July 22, 2013.
10. Respondent applied for a Kansas nonresident agent license on May 7, 2012.
11. Question 1 under Item 37 of the license application asks, “Have you ever been convicted of a crime, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a crime?”
12. Respondent answered “no.”
13. In reliance upon the “clean” application, Respondent was promptly issued a license on the same date.
14. By letter of August 29, 2012, addressed to Respondent at her address of record, counsel for KID summarized the foregoing information and invited Respondent to reply if she disputed the facts.
15. To date, Respondent has not replied, and the letter has not been returned; thus, the facts are deemed undisputed.

Applicable Law

16. K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 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: . . .

 - (1) Provided incorrect, misleading, incomplete or untrue information in the license application. . . .
 - (3) Obtained or attempted to obtain a license under this act through misrepresentation or fraud. . . .
 - (6) Been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony. . . .
 - (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. 2011 Supp. 40-4909(a).
12. 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. 2011 Supp. 40-4909(b).

Conclusions of Law

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

14. The Commissioner finds that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(1) and/or (a)(3) because Respondent provided incomplete and untrue information in her license application and obtained her license through misrepresentation.

15. The Commissioner further finds based that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(6) for having been convicted of a misdemeanor.

16. The Commissioner finds that the crime of "obstructing ID" is particularly relevant and material to the fitness of a person to be a licensed insurance agent because the nature of the crime is a dishonest practice and grounds for revocation pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(8).

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. 40-4909(a).

18. The Commissioner further concludes Respondent's license may be revoked 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.

19. 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

20. 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 necessary and 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.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THAT the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of **TASHEANNA BARNES** is hereby **REVOKED**. **It is further ordered**, that **TASHEANNA BARNES** shall **CEASE and DESIST** from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance, doing any act toward the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance, and/or receiving compensation deriving from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance in Kansas or on Kansas risks through business conducted on and after the effective date of this order. **It is further ordered**, pursuant to KSA 77-415(b)(2)(A), that this order is designated by KID as precedent.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS __21st__ DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2012, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.



/s/ Sandy Praeger
Sandy 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 **Summary Order** and accompanying **Notice of Rights** on this ___21st___ day of September 2012, by causing the same to be placed in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Tasheanna Barnes
840 S FRONTAGE RD
WOODRIDGE, IL 60517

_____/s/ Brenda J. Clary_____
Brenda J. Clary
Staff Attorney