

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

In the Matter of the Kansas Resident)
Insurance Agent's License of)
DENNIS D. MAHONE, Jr.,) Docket No. **4450--SO**
NPN 3362229.)

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 resident insurance agent's license of Dennis D. Mahone, Jr. ("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 resident insurance agent in the state of Kansas and has been so licensed since January 12, 2011.
2. Respondent was originally licensed in Kansas in 2002 and has been continuously licensed since May 26, 2009.
3. Respondent's legal and mailing address of record is 3517 N Inwood Ct., Wichita, KS 67226-3811.
4. 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.
5. Following investigation, the Commissioner finds evidence sufficient to support the following facts:
6. Correspondence and supporting documents from Unity Financial Life Insurance Company indicate that Respondent signed a consumer's name to a life insurance application and related forms.
7. Respondent was charged in Weld County, Colorado, District Court case number 2010 CR 213, with one count of felony theft and 12 counts of forgery of a government

issued document in connection with fraudulent claims for unemployment benefits from August 6, 2006, through January 10, 2007.

8. On January 13, 2011, Respondent entered a guilty plea to felony theft.
9. On March 3, 2011, Respondent was granted a deferred sentence, placed on supervised probation for 24 months, ordered to pay restitution of \$14,524.50, and assessed costs of the action and supervision.
10. Respondent remains under probation supervision in Sedgwick County, Kansas.
11. Respondent did not report the conviction to KID within 30 days as required by K.A.R. §40-7-9(d) and has not reported it to date.
12. By letter dated May 16, 2012, and addressed to Respondent at his address of record, counsel for KID invited Respondent to reply in writing by mail or email if he disputed the foregoing facts.
13. To date, Respondent has not replied, and the letter has not been returned; thus, the facts are deemed to be undisputed.

Applicable Law

14. 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 thereunder; . . .

(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. . . .

(10) Forged another person’s name to an application for insurance or to any document related to an insurance transaction.” K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 40-4909(a).
15. K.A.R. §40-7-9 requires a licensee to report criminal convictions to the Commissioner within 30 days of the occurrence. K.A.R. §40-7-9(d).
16. 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. 2010 Supp. 40-4909(b).

Conclusions of Law

17. The Commissioner has jurisdiction over Respondent as well as the subject matter of this proceeding, and such proceeding is held in the public interest.
18. The Commissioner finds that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(6) because Respondent has been found guilty of a felony.
19. The Commissioner finds that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(2)(A) because Respondent has failed to report the conviction as required by K.A.R. §40-7-9(d).
20. The Commissioner finds that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(10) because Respondent has forged another person's name on an insurance application and other insurance documents.
21. Finally, the Commissioner finds that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(8) because, in entering his plea in the Colorado criminal case, Respondent has admitted fraudulent and dishonest conduct.
22. Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner concludes that sufficient grounds exist for the revocation of Respondent's insurance agent license pursuant to K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 40-4909(a).
23. Further, the Commissioner finds that Respondent's license should be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(b) because it is not serving the interests of the insurer or the insurable interests of the public.
24. 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.

THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THEREFORE ORDERS that the Kansas resident insurance agent's license of **DENNIS D. MAHONE, Jr.**, is hereby **REVOKED**, and **DENNIS D. MAHONE, Jr.**, shall **CEASE and DESIST** from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance, receiving compensation deriving from the sale, solicitation, or negotiation of insurance conducted on and after the effective date of this order, or performing any act toward the solicitation of or transaction of any business of insurance from 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 __8th__ DAY OF JUNE 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 8th day of June 2012 by causing the same to be placed in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Dennis D. Mahone, Jr.
3517 N. Inwood Ct.
Wichita, KS 67226-3811

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