

# DEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Kansas Nonresident	)	
Insurance Agent's License of	)	
ALEXANDER S. SELLS,	)	Docket No. 4786SO
NPN 17553477.	)	

## 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 Respondent ALEXANDER S. SELLS ("Respondent") by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

#### **Findings of Fact**

- 1. 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.
- 2. Following investigation, the Commissioner finds evidence sufficient to support the following facts:
- 3. Respondent was licensed as a Kansas nonresident insurance agent on April 10, 2015, and has been continuously so licensed to date.
- 4. Respondent's legal address is in Lees Summit, Missouri, and his mailing address of record is State Farm Insurance, 8832 W. 95<sup>th</sup> Street, Overland Park, KS 66212-4051.
- 5. Respondent was employed as a licensed team member at the State Farm Insurance agency until his employment was terminated on or about July 8, 2015.
- 6. Respondent's employment was terminated after Respondent admitted that he took agency property without authority and sold it for cash.
- 7. By letter of October 6, 2015, addressed to Respondent at his residential address of record, counsel for KID invited Respondent to reply if he disputed the above statements of fact.
- 8. Respondent replied that he wished to cooperate and had already offered to surrender his home state license, and he did not dispute the statement of facts.
- 9. Based on Respondent's termination from the agency and response to the letter mailed to his residential address, KID believes Respondent may be effectively served by mail at his residential address.

#### **Applicable Law**

- 10. 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. . . . [and/or]
  - (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. 2014 Supp. 40-4909(a).
- 11. 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. 2014 Supp. 40-4909(b).
- 12. A person whose license has been revoked or suspended may not be employed directly or indirectly by an insurance company and "may not perform any act toward the solicitation of or transaction of" insurance business in Kansas. K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-4909(g).
- 13. "Any action taken under this section which affects any license or imposes any administrative penalty shall be taken only after notice and an opportunity for hearing conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Kansas administrative procedures act." K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 40-4909(c).

#### **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 that action may be taken against Respondent's license pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(4) because Respondent misappropriated property.
- 16. The Commissioner finds that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(a)(8) because Respondent has used a dishonest practice and demonstrated a lack of trustworthiness in handling the agency's property.
- 17. Finally, the Commissioner concludes that Respondent's license may be revoked pursuant to K.S.A. 40-4909(b) because it is not serving the interests of insurers or the insurable interests of the public.
- 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) and K.S.A. 40-4906. 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. K.S.A. 40-4909(b). Thus, the Commissioner is charged with 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 following action is appropriate to promote the security and integrity of the insurance business and protect insurance consumers.

THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE THEREFORE ORDERS that the Kansas nonresident insurance agent's license of ALEXANDER S. SELLS is hereby REVOKED, and ALEXANDER S. SELLS 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 SO ORDERED THIS 2015, IN THE CITY OF TOPEKA, COUNTY OF SHAWNEE, STATE OF KANSAS.

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Ken Selzer, CPA Commissioner of Insurance

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BY:

John Wine

Assistant Commissioner

#### 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:

Diane Minear, General Counsel Kansas Insurance Department 420 S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> 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

Diane Minear, General Counsel Kansas Insurance Department 420 S.W. 9<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>Aard</u> day of October 2015 by causing the same to be placed in the United States Mail, first class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Alexander S. Sells 2902 SW 10<sup>th</sup> St. Lees Summit, MO 64081-3716

> Brenda J. Clary Staff Attorney