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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JEFF ATWATER
STATE OF FLORIDA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO.: 151123-14-AG

JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON
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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

THIS PROCEEDING CAME on for final agency action and the Chief Financial Officer, having considered the record, including the Administrative Complaint filed on April 30, 2014, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that:

1. Jeremy James Lawrenson is currently licensed by the Department of Financial Services (the "Department"), pursuant to the Florida Insurance Code, as a nonresident public adjuster.

2. On April 30, 2014, the Department issued an Administrative Complaint against Jeremy James Lawrenson alleging that he failed to maintain a surety bond.

3. The Department notified Jeremy James Lawrenson in the Administrative Complaint of the right to request a proceeding in accordance with sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, and that failure to answer the Administrative Complaint or request a proceeding within twenty-one (21) days would result in the imposition of a penalty.

4. In accordance with section 624.310(6)(c), Florida Statutes, after attempts at service via certified mail were unsuccessful, the Department served the Administrative Complaint upon Jeremy James Lawrenson by publication in the Herald Democrat on September 17, 2014, September 24, 2014, October 1, 2014, and October 8, 2014.

5. Jeremy James Lawrenson failed to answer the Administrative Complaint or request a proceeding in accordance with sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes.

FINDINGS OF FACT

6. The factual allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint filed on April 30, 2014, which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A," and fully incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted as the Department's Findings of Fact in this case.

CONCLUSION OF LAW

7. Based upon the Findings of Fact adopted herein, the Department concludes that Jeremy James Lawrenson violated the specific statutes and rules charged in each count of the Administrative Complaint, and hereby adopts the violations charged in each count of the Administrative Complaint as the Conclusions of Law in this case.

PENALTY IMPOSED

8. The failure of Jeremy James Lawrenson to answer the Administrative Complaint or request a proceeding, taken together with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted herein, constitute grounds for the Chief Financial Officer to suspend the license of Jeremy James Lawrenson.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

(a) All licenses, appointments and eligibility for licensure heretofore issued to Jeremy James Lawrenson, within the purview of the Department, are hereby suspended for a period of ninety (90) days.

(b) During the period of suspension, Jeremy James Lawrenson shall not engage in or attempt or profess to engage in any transaction or business for which a license or appointment is required under the Florida Insurance Code or directly or indirectly own, control, or be employed in any manner by any insurance agent or agency or adjuster or adjusting firm until the license is reinstated or, if revoked, a new license is issued.

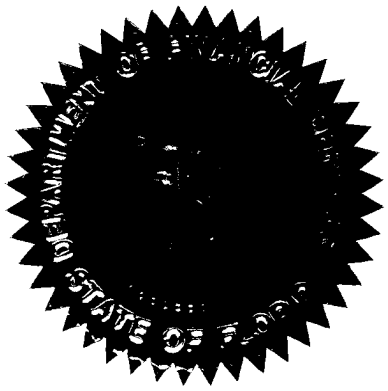
(c) Jeremy James Lawrenson shall not have the right to apply for and the Department shall not grant another license or appointment under the Florida Insurance Code for ninety (90) days following the effective date of suspension.

(d) Following the ninety (90) day suspension, Jeremy James Lawrenson shall be entitled to file for an application for reinstatement of licensure. However, the license of Jeremy James Lawrenson shall not be reinstated if the circumstance or circumstances for which the license was suspended still exist or are likely to recur, or if he is not otherwise eligible for licensure.

(e) Within ten (10) calendar days of the issuance of this Order of Suspension, Jeremy James Lawrenson shall return to the Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Licensing, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0319, all licenses issued to him pursuant to the Florida Insurance Code.

(f) Any person who knowingly transacts insurance or otherwise engages in insurance activities in this state without a license, or while the license is suspended or revoked, commits a felony of the third degree.

DONE and ORDERED this 16th day of February, 2015.



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Gregory Thomas
Director, Agent & Agency Services

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Any party to these proceedings adversely affected by this Order is entitled to seek review within thirty (30) days of the rendition of this Order, pursuant to section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9.190, *Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure*. Review proceedings must be instituted by filing a petition or notice of appeal with Julie Jones, the DFS Agency Clerk. Filing with the Agency Clerk may be accomplished via U.S. Mail, express overnight delivery, hand delivery, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail. The address for overnight delivery or hand delivery is Julie Jones, DFS Agency Clerk, Department of Financial Services, 612 Larson Building, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0390. The fax number is (850) 488-0697. The email address is Julie.Jones@myfloridacfo.com.

A copy of the petition or notice of appeal must also be filed with the appropriate district court of appeal within thirty (30) days of the rendition of this Order.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON
4412 Young Drive
Carrollton, TX 75010

JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON
18451 Dallas Pkwy, Ste 200S
Dallas, TX 75287

You, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, license I.D. # P185947, are hereby notified that the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has caused to be made an investigation of your activities while licensed as a nonresident public adjuster in this state, as a result of which it is alleged:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Pursuant to Chapter 626, Florida Statutes, you, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, are currently licensed in this state as a nonresident public adjuster.

2. At all times pertinent to the dates and occurrences referred to herein, you, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, were licensed in this state as a nonresident public adjuster.

EXHIBIT
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3. Pursuant to Chapter 626, Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Financial Services ("Department") has jurisdiction over your nonresident public adjuster license and appointment(s).

COUNT I

4. The above general allegations are hereby realleged and fully incorporated herein by reference.

5. Section 626.865(2), Florida Statutes, provides, in part, that at the time of application for licensure as a public adjuster, the applicant shall file with the Department a bond executed and issued by a surety insurer authorized to transact such business in this state, in the amount of $50,000, conditioned for the faithful performance of his or her duties as a public adjuster under the license, and thereafter maintain the bond unimpaired through the existence of the license and for at least one (1) year after termination of the license.

6. In connection with your application for licensure as a nonresident public adjuster, on June 12, 2013, you, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, filed the required bond with the Department. The bond was issued by Northern American Specialty Insurance Company, bond number 2168531.

7. On January 22, 2014, North American Specialty Insurance Company issued a written notice to you, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, stating that it would cancel your bond effective February 27, 2014.

8. On January 30, 2014, the Department received notice from North American Specialty Insurance Company that it would cancel your surety bond effective February 27, 2014.

9. On February 3, 2014, the Department issued a written notice to you, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, requesting that you provide an original replacement bond.

10. You, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, failed to respond to the Department's notice.

11. On February 27, 2014, North American Specialty Insurance Company cancelled your bond.

12. As of the date of the filing of this Administrative Complaint, you, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, have failed to provide the Department with proof that you have secured a replacement bond.

IT IS THEREFORE CHARGED that you, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, have violated one or more of the following provisions of the Florida Statutes and/or the Florida Administrative Code, which constitutes sufficient grounds for the suspension or revocation of your license or appointment as a public adjuster in this state:

(a) Section 626.865(2), Florida Statutes, which provides that a public adjuster shall maintain an unimpaired surety bond at all times licensed in the amount of $50,000.

(b) Section 626.611(1), Florida Statutes, which provides that the Department shall deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew or continue the license or appointment of any public adjuster if it finds that the applicant, licensee, or any principal thereof lacks one or more of the qualifications for the license or appointment as specified.

(c) Section 626.611(13), Florida Statutes, which provides that it is a violation for any applicant, agent, title agency, adjuster, customer representative, service representative, or managing general agent to willfully fail to comply with, or willfully violate, any proper order or rule of the department or any provision of this code.

WHEREFORE, you, JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, are hereby notified that the Chief Financial Officer, through his designee, intends to enter an order suspending or revoking

any license(s) and appointment(s) issued to you pursuant to the Florida Insurance Code or to impose such penalties as may be provided under the provisions of Sections 626.611, 626.621, 626.681, 626.691, and 626.8698, Florida Statutes, and under the other referenced sections of the Florida Statutes as set out in this Administrative Complaint.

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

You have the right to request a proceeding to contest this action by the Department pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, and Rule 28-106, Florida Administrative Code. The proceeding request must be in writing, signed by you, and must be filed with the Department within twenty-one (21) days of your receipt of this notice. Completion of the attached Election of Proceeding form and/or a petition for an administrative hearing will suffice as a written request. The request must be filed with Julie Jones, DFS Agency Clerk, at the Florida Department of Financial Services, 612 Larson Building, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0333. Your written response must be received by the Department no later than 5:00 p.m. on the twenty-first day after your receipt of this notice. Mailing the response on the twenty-first day will not preserve your right to a hearing.

FAILURE TO ENSURE THAT YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSE IS RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS NOTICE WILL CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF YOUR RIGHT TO REQUEST A PROCEEDING ON THE MATTERS ALLEGED HEREIN AND A FINAL ORDER OF SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU.

If you request a proceeding, you must provide information that complies with the requirements of Rule 28-106.2015, Florida Administrative Code. As noted above, completion of

the attached Election of Proceeding form conforms to these requirements. Specifically, your response must contain:

(a) The name, address, and telephone number, and facsimile number (if any) of the respondent (for the purpose of requesting a hearing in this matter, you are the "respondent").

(b) The name, address, telephone number, facsimile number of the attorney or qualified representative of the respondent (if any) upon whom service of pleadings and other papers shall be made.

(c) A statement requesting an administrative hearing identifying those material facts that are in dispute. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.

(d) A statement of when the respondent received notice of the administrative complaint.

(e) A statement including the file number of the administrative complaint.

If a hearing of any type is requested, you have the right to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative at your expense, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses, and to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents by subpoena.

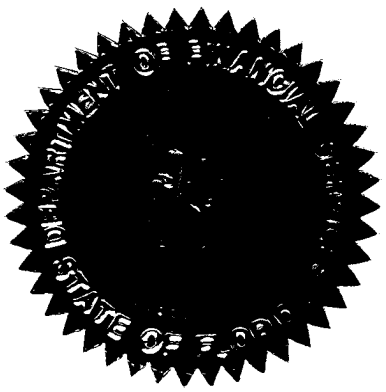
If a proceeding is requested and there is no dispute of material fact, the provisions of Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, apply. In this regard, you may submit oral or written evidence in opposition to the action taken by the Department or a written statement challenging the grounds upon which the Department has relied. While a hearing is normally not required in the absence of a dispute of fact, if you feel that a hearing is necessary, one will be conducted in Tallahassee, Florida, or by telephonic conference call upon your request.

However, if you dispute material facts which are the basis for the Department's action, you must request an adversarial proceeding pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes. These proceedings are held before a State administrative law judge of the Division of Administrative Hearings. Unless the majority of witnesses are located elsewhere, the Department will request that the hearing be conducted in Tallahassee, Florida.

Failure to follow the procedure outlined with regard to your response to this notice may result in the request being denied. All prior oral communication or correspondence in this matter shall be considered free form agency action, and no such oral communication or correspondence shall operate as a valid request for an administrative proceeding. Any request for an administrative proceeding received prior to the date of this notice shall be deemed abandoned unless timely renewed in compliance with the guidelines as set out above.

Mediation of this matter pursuant to Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available. No Department attorney will discuss this matter with you until the response has been received by the Department.

DATED and SIGNED this 30th day of April, 2014.



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Gregory Thomas
Director, Agent & Agency Services

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT and ELECTION OF PROCEEDING has been furnished to: JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, 4412 Young Drive, Carrollton, TX 75010; JEREMY JAMES LAWRENSON, 18451 Dallas Pkwy, Ste 200S, Dallas, TX 75287; by Certified Mail this 30th day of April, 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES
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ELECTION OF PROCEEDING

I have received and have read the Administrative Complaint filed by the Florida Department of Financial Services ("Department") against me, including the Notice of Rights contained therein, and I understand my options. I am requesting disposition of this matter as indicated below. (**CHOOSE ONE**)

1. [ ] I do not dispute any of the Department's factual allegations and I do not desire a hearing. I understand that by waiving my right to a hearing, the Department may enter a final order that adopts the Administrative Complaint and imposes the sanctions sought, including suspending or revoking my licenses and appointments as may be appropriate.

2. I do not dispute any of the Department's factual allegations and I hereby elect a proceeding to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. In this regard, I desire to (**CHOOSE ONE**):

   [ ] Submit a written statement and documentary evidence in lieu of a hearing; or

   [ ] Personally attend a hearing conducted by a department hearing officer in Tallahassee; or

   [ ] Attend that same hearing by way of a telephone conference call.

3. [ ] I do dispute one or more of the Department's factual allegations. I hereby request a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, to be held before the Division of Administrative Hearings. I have attached to this election form the information required by Rule 28-106.2015, Florida Administrative Code, as specified in subparagraph (c) of the Notice of Rights. Specifically, I have identified the disputed issues of material fact.

TO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING, YOU MUST FILE YOUR RESPONSE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES WITHIN TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS OF YOUR RECEIPT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT. THE RESPONSE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE DEPARTMENT NO LATER THAN 5:00 P.M. ON THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY AFTER YOUR RECEIPT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT.

The address for filing is: Julie Jones, DFS Agency Clerk, Florida Department of Financial Services, 612 Larson Building, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0333.

_____ _____
Signature Print Name

Date: _____ Address: _____

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Date Administrative
Complaint Received: _____

If you are represented by an attorney or qualified representative, please attach to this election form his or her name, address, telephone and fax numbers

Phone No.: _____

Fax No.: _____