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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER
JEFF ATWATER
STATE OF FLORIDA

IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO.: 132490-13-AG

PARAMOUNT PARTNERS INSURANCE
SERVICES, LLC

ORDER OF REVOCATION

THIS PROCEEDING CAME on for final agency action and the Chief Financial Officer, having considered the record, including the Administrative Complaint filed on September 4, 2014, and being fully advised in the premises, finds that:

1. Paramount Partners Insurance Services, LLC ("Paramount") is currently licensed by the Department of Financial Services (the "Department"), pursuant to the Florida Insurance Code, as an insurance agency.

2. On August 13, 2014, the Department entered an Order of Revocation against Matthew Winter Housefield ("Housefield"), sole owner and agent in charge of Paramount, finding that he failed to place coverage after accepting premium from a consumer, failed to refund moneys due to a consumer, and failed to forward a consumer's premium which resulted in the cancellation of a consumer's policy. The Department revoked Housefield's general lines license.

3. The Administrative Complaint notified Paramount 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 120.60(5), Florida Statutes, the Department served the Administrative Complaint upon Paramount by publication in the Tampa Bay Business Journal on December 26, 2014, January 2, 2015, January 9, 2015, and January 16, 2015. A copy of the publication is attached hereto as Exhibit "B".

5. Paramount 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 dated September 4, 2014, which is attached hereto as "Exhibit A," and fully incorporated herein by reference, are hereby adopted as this Department's Findings of Fact in this case.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

7. Based upon the Findings of Fact adopted herein, the Department concludes that Paramount violated the specific statutes and rules charged in each count of the Administrative Complaint, attached hereto as "Exhibit A," 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 Paramount to answer the Administrative Complaint or request a proceeding, taken together with the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law adopted herein, constitutes grounds for the Chief Financial Officer to revoke Paramount's license.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

(a) All licenses, appointments and eligibility for licensure heretofore issued to Paramount, within the purview of the Department, are hereby REVOKED.

(b) Paramount does not have the right to apply for another license or appointment under the Florida Insurance Code within two (2) years from the date of this Order of Revocation. The Department shall not grant Paramount a new license or appointment or reinstate eligibility to hold such license or appointment if it finds that the circumstances for which the Administrative Complaint was issued still exist or are likely to recur.

(c) During the period of revocation, Paramount shall not engage in or attempt or profess to engage in any transaction of business for which a license or appointment is required under the 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.

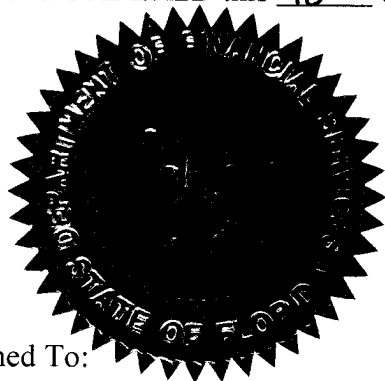
(d) Paramount shall return to the Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Licensing, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0319, within ten (10) calendar days of the issuance of this order, all licenses issued to Paramount pursuant to the Florida Insurance Code.

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

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

Any party to these proceedings adversely affected by this Order is entitled to seek review of this Order pursuant to section 120.68, Florida Statutes, and Rule 9.110, *Florida Rules of Appellate Procedure*. Review proceedings must be instituted by filing a petition or notice of appeal with Julie Jones, DFS Agency Clerk, at 612 Larson Building, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0390, and a copy of the same with the appropriate District Court of Appeal within thirty (30) days of rendition of this Order.

DONE and ORDERED this 18th day of March, 2015.




Gregory Thomas
Division Director, Agent & Agency Services

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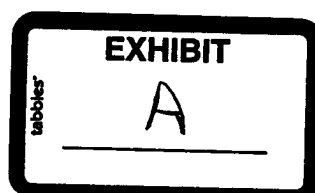
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

Paramount Partners Insurance Services, LLC
1502 West Fletcher Avenue Suite 133
Tampa, Florida 33612

Paramount Partners Insurance Services, LLC ("Paramount") is hereby notified that the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida has caused to be made an investigation of its activities while licensed as an insurance agency in this state, as a result of which it is alleged:

GENERAL ALLEGATIONS

1. Pursuant to chapter 626, Florida Statutes, Paramount is currently licensed in this state as an insurance agency.
2. At all times relevant to the dates and occurrences referred to herein, Paramount was licensed in this state as an insurance agency (license number L007276).
3. Pursuant to chapter 626, Florida Statutes, the Florida Department of Financial Services (the "Department") has jurisdiction over Paramount's insurance licenses and appointments.



4. At all times relevant to the dates and occurrences referred to herein, Matthew Winter Housefield ("Housefield"), licensed as a general lines agent (license number P142079), was the sole owner and agent in charge of Paramount.

COUNT I

5. The above general allegations are hereby re-alleged and fully incorporated herein by reference.

6. On August 13, 2014, the Department entered an Order of Revocation against Housefield, sole owner and agent in charge of Paramount, finding that he failed to place coverage after accepting premium from a consumer; failed to refund moneys due to a consumer; and failed to forward a consumer's premium, which resulted in the cancellation of the consumer's policy; and revoking his general lines license.

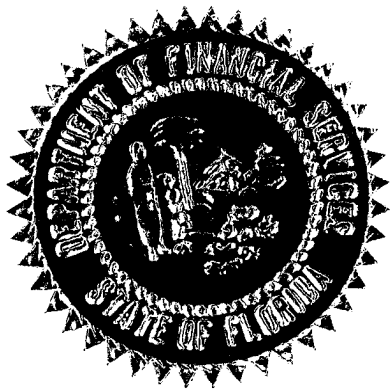
IT IS THEREFORE CHARGED that Paramount has violated one or more of the following provisions of the Florida Statutes or *Florida Administrative Code*, which constitutes grounds for the suspension or revocation of your license(s) and appointments issued pursuant to the Florida Insurance Code:


A. Section 626.6115(3), Florida Statutes, which provides that the Department shall deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to continue the license of any insurance agency if it finds that any majority owner, partner, manager, director, officer, or other person who manages and controls such agency has had a license to practice or conduct any regulated profession, business, or vocation relating to the business of this state, denied, suspended, or revoked.

WHEREFORE, Paramount Partners Insurance Services, LLC is hereby notified that the Chief Financial Officer, through his designee, intends to enter an Order suspending or revoking its insurance agency license, or to impose such penalties as may be provided under the provisions

of sections 626.6215, 626.681, and 626.691, Florida Statutes, and under any other sections of the Florida Statutes referenced in this Administrative Complaint.

DATED and SIGNED this 4th day of September, 2014.




Gregory Thomas
Director, Agent & Agency Services

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 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 32399-0390. 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.

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: Paramount Partners Insurance Services, LLC, 1502 West Fletcher Avenue Suite 133, Tampa, Florida 33612, by Certified Mail, and to the attention of Matthew Housefield, matthousefield@gmail.com via electronic mail this

4th day of September, 2014.

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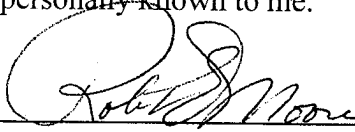
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COUNTIES OF HILLSBOROUGH, PINELLAS, PASCO,
POLK, HERNANDO, SARASOTA AND MANATEE

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Before the undersigned authority personally appeared Maria Krueger, who states that she is the Associate Director of the Tampa Bay Business Journal, a weekly newspaper published at Tampa in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Hernando, Sarasota and Manatee Counties, Florida; that the attached copy of advertisement, being a Notice, was published in said newspaper in issues December 26, 2014, January 2, 2015, January 9, 2015 and January 16, 2015.

Affiant further says that the Tampa Bay Business Journal is a newspaper published at Tampa in said Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Hernando, Sarasota and Manatee Counties, Florida. The said newspaper has been continuously published in said Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Hernando, Sarasota and Manatee Counties, Florida each week and has been entered as second-class mail matter at the post office in Tampa, in said Hillsborough County, Florida, for a period of one year next preceding the first publication of the attached copy of advertisement. Affiant further says that she has neither paid nor promised any person, firm or corporation any discount, rebate, commission or refund for the purpose of securing this notice for publication in the said newspaper.

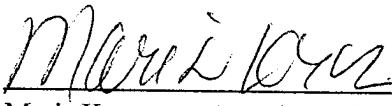
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of January 2015 by Maria Krueger who is personally known to me.


Rob Moore - Notary Public



Date

1/16/15


ROBERT E MOORE Maria Krueger - Associate Director
MY COMMISSION # EE 087907
EXPIRES: April 26, 2015
Bonded Thru Budget Notary Services

Date

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