# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 4/25/2024

**Subject Considered:** 

Salvador Villarreal Jr. El Paso, TX 79932-1839

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-24-04310 TDI Enforcement File No. 31525

#### General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Salvador Villarreal Jr. (Respondent) because he violated Commissioner Order No. 2021-6976. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) or appear at the hearing on the merits. This order revokes Respondent's license.

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

#### **Findings of Fact**

#### Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- 1. On November 29, 2023, TDI filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, together with a previously filed Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. TDI's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.
- 3. TDI sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition together to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, TX 79932-1839.

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- 4. Prior to the Respondent's address being updated in the system, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent to his address of record on November 2, 2023, attached as Exhibit C.
- 5. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

## Failure to Appear at Hearing on the Merits

6. After receiving proper notice of the date, time, and location of the hearing on the merits, Respondent failed to appear for the hearing on March 19, 2024, as shown in the record in SOAH Docket No. 454-24-04310.C.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction under Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.102, 4001.105, 4005.101-4005.105, 4051.051, and 4054.051; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. TDI provided proper notice of the hearing under Tex. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054, and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
- 3. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing and failure to appear in person or by legal representative at the hearing, TDI is entitled to disposition by default under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 4. TDI's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true under 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.89.

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#### Order

It is ordered that any licenses held by Salvador Villarreal Jr. are revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement and other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

Cassie Brown

Commissioner of Insurance

Prepared and reviewed by:

Nancy Williams, Staff Attorney

Enforcement

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#### **Affidavit**

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Mary Ruiz, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Mary Ruiz and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Salvador Villarreal Jr. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Salvador Villarreal Jr. is El Paso, TX 79932-1839.
- b. The file maintained by Enforcement contains a Notice of Hearing, dated November 29, 2023, and an Original Petition dated October 31, 2023, which were filed together with the State Office of Administrative Hearings on November 29, 2023.
- c. On November 29, 2023, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Salvador Villarreal Jr. were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to his last known address and to his previously recorded address on November 2, 2023:

  , El Paso, TX 79912.

Copies of the certified mail logs maintained by Enforcement are attached as Exhibit D and Exhibit E, respectively."

DocuSigned by:	
Mary Ruiz	
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Affiant	

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on  $\frac{3/28/2024}{}$ . This notarial act was an online notarization.

## **Notary Seal**



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**Petitioner** 

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  (512) 322-2061 (Fax);
  www.soah.texas.gov
- (2) (by mail, fax, or email)
  Chief Clerk
  Texas Department of Insurance
  P.O. Box 12030, MC GC-CCO
  Austin, Texas 78711-2030
  (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
  chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) (by mail, fax, or email)
  Nancy Williams, Staff Attorney

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If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number shown below.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Williams

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Enclosure: Original Petition

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Fraud and Enforcement Division, MC ENF Whitney Fraser, Litigation Director, Enforcement, MC ENF

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Nancy Williams, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent on November 29, 2023 to:

Salvador Villarreal, Jr.

El Paso, TX 79932-1839

Self-represented

Via CM/RRR No.: 9214890194038340255094

Nancy Williams

Name William

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#### ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

#### ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) seeks to take disciplinary action against Salvador Villarreal, Jr. In support of this petition, TDI makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

#### Jurisdiction

The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter under Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102-4005.103, 4051.101, 4054.101; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

#### **Factual Allegations**

- 1. Salvador Villarreal, Jr. (Villarreal) holds a general lines agent license with a qualification in property and casualty issued on November 6, 2014 and a qualification in life, accident, health, and HMO issued on March 25, 2015.
- 2. On March 3, 2021, a *Notice of Hearing* and *Original Petition* were sent to Villarreal by certified mail in SOAH case number 454-21-1526.C, alleging dishonest conduct. Villarreal failed to file an answer or otherwise respond to the notice.
- 3. On April 7, 2021, the commissioner of insurance entered default order number 2021-6776 revoking Villarreal's license. A nonsuit was subsequently filed removing the case from SOAH's docket.

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- 4. On April 30, 2021, Villarreal's counsel filed a *Motion to Set Aside the Default Judgment and Reopen the Record and Motion for Rehearing*, due to his excitement over the birth of his child and his office staff's failure to notify him about the certified notice.
- 5. On May 28, 2021, the commissioner of insurance issued order number 2021-6849, setting aside the default judgment previously issued and ordering the record be reopened and a new hearing set.
- 6. On August 20, 2021, Villarreal signed a sworn statement agreeing to the contents and terms of consent order number 2021-6976, negotiated by his attorney of record.
- 7. On September 1, 2021, the commissioner of insurance issued order number 2021-6976, suspending Villarreal's license for two years. That suspension was probated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the order which included a requirement that Villarreal submit quarterly written reports. The reports were to be submitted on or before the 15th of July, October, January, and April, beginning with the date of the order, and continuing through the probationary period.
- 8. Villarreal submitted three written reports as directed in October 2021, January 2022, and April 2022. No reports were received for July 2022, October 2022, January 2023, April 2023, or July 2023.
- 9. On September 14, 2022, TDI staff sent an email to Villarreal indicating that the July 2022 report had not been received, that he was in violation of the order, and that the report must be submitted within 14 days to avoid further action.
- 10. On September 19, 2022, TDI staff sent a warning letter to Villarreal via certified mail to his address of record, indicating that he was in violation of the order.
- 11. On October 10, 2022, TDI staff sent a second email to Villarreal indicating that the July 2022 report and the October 2022 reports had not been received and that he was in violation of the order.
- 12. On October 14, 2022, TDI staff sent a warning letter to Villarreal via certified mail to his address of record, indicating that he was in violation of the order.

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- 13. On December 8, 2022, TDI staff sent a warning letter to Villarreal via certified mail to his updated address and to his business address of record, indicating that he was in violation of the order.
- 14. TDI staff placed calls to Villarreal's phone numbers on record, leaving messages for a returned call between September and December 2022.
- 15. In December 2022, TDI staff reached out to the attorney who represented Villareal in the matter, receiving a response that he no longer represents Villarreal.
- 16. On March 8, 2023, TDI sent a notice of intent to institute disciplinary action against Villarreal for his repeated failures to comply; via certified mail to his address of record, two additional physical addresses, and two electronic mail addresses.
- 17. On September 20, 2023, TDI sent a final inquiry to Villarreal via certified mail to his address of record, two additional physical addresses, and to two electronic mail addresses, requiring a response by October 5, 2023.

#### **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Villarreal has willfully violated an insurance law, as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101(b)(1).
- 2. Villarreal violated the commissioner's order issued under Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.103(1).
- 3. Remedies for violating a commissioner's order includes revocation of licensure under Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-054 & 4005.102(2)(a).
- 4. Villarreal failed to respond to TDI's official inquiry, in violation of Tex. INS. CODE § 38.001.

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#### **Relief Sought**

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, TDI asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the commissioner of insurance issue an order:

- 1. Revoking Salvador Villarreal, Jr.'s license, and
- 2. imposing any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Williams

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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## SOAH DOCKET NO. 454-24-TDI ENFORCEMENT FILE NO. 31525

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
Petitioner	
v.	OF
SALVADOR VILLARREAL, JR.,	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
Respondent	

#### ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) seeks to take disciplinary action against Salvador Villarreal, Jr. In support of this petition, TDI makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

#### Jurisdiction

The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter under Tex. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102-4005.103, 4051.101, 4054.101; and Tex. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

#### **Factual Allegations**

- 1. Salvador Villarreal, Jr. (Villarreal) holds a general lines agent license with a qualification in property and casualty issued on November 6, 2014 and a qualification in life, accident, health, and HMO issued on March 25, 2015.
- 2. On March 3, 2021, a *Notice of Hearing* and *Original Petition* were sent to Villarreal by certified mail in SOAH case number 454-21-1526.C, alleging dishonest conduct. Villarreal failed to file an answer or otherwise respond to the notice.
- 3. On April 7, 2021, the commissioner of insurance entered default order number 2021-6776 revoking Villarreal's license. A nonsuit was subsequently filed removing the case from SOAH's docket.

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- 4. On April 30, 2021, Villarreal's counsel filed a *Motion to Set Aside the Default Judgment and Reopen the Record and Motion for Rehearing*, due to his excitement over the birth of his child and his office staff's failure to notify him about the certified notice.
- 5. On May 28, 2021, the commissioner of insurance issued order number 2021-6849, setting aside the default judgment previously issued and ordering the record be reopened and a new hearing set.
- 6. On August 20, 2021, Villarreal signed a sworn statement agreeing to the contents and terms of consent order number 2021-6976, negotiated by his attorney of record.
- 7. On September 1, 2021, the commissioner of insurance issued order number 2021-6976, suspending Villarreal's license for two years. That suspension was probated pursuant to the terms and conditions of the order which included a requirement that Villarreal submit quarterly written reports. The reports were to be submitted on or before the 15th of July, October, January, and April, beginning with the date of the order, and continuing through the probationary period.
- 8. Villarreal submitted three written reports as directed in October 2021, January 2022, and April 2022. No reports were received for July 2022, October 2022, January 2023, April 2023, or July 2023.
- 9. On September 14, 2022, TDI staff sent an email to Villarreal indicating that the July 2022 report had not been received, that he was in violation of the order, and that the report must be submitted within 14 days to avoid further action.
- 10. On September 19, 2022, TDI staff sent a warning letter to Villarreal via certified mail to his address of record, indicating that he was in violation of the order.
- 11. On October 10, 2022, TDI staff sent a second email to Villarreal indicating that the July 2022 report and the October 2022 reports had not been received and that he was in violation of the order.
- 12. On October 14, 2022, TDI staff sent a warning letter to Villarreal via certified mail to his address of record, indicating that he was in violation of the order.

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- 13. On December 8, 2022, TDI staff sent a warning letter to Villarreal via certified mail to his updated address and to his business address of record, indicating that he was in violation of the order.
- 14. TDI staff placed calls to Villarreal's phone numbers on record, leaving messages for a returned call between September and December 2022.
- 15. In December 2022, TDI staff reached out to the attorney who represented Villareal in the matter, receiving a response that he no longer represents Villarreal.
- 16. On March 8, 2023, TDI sent a notice of intent to institute disciplinary action against Villarreal for his repeated failures to comply; via certified mail to his address of record, two additional physical addresses, and two electronic mail addresses.
- 17. On September 20, 2023, TDI sent a final inquiry to Villarreal via certified mail to his address of record, two additional physical addresses, and to two electronic mail addresses, requiring a response by October 5, 2023.

#### **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Villarreal has willfully violated an insurance law, as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101(b)(1).
- 2. Villarreal violated the commissioner's order issued under Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.103(1).
- 3. Remedies for violating a commissioner's order includes revocation of licensure under Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-054 & 4005.102(2)(a).
- 4. Villarreal failed to respond to TDI's official inquiry, in violation of Tex. INS. CODE § 38.001.

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#### **Relief Sought**

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, TDI asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the commissioner of insurance issue an order:

- 1. Revoking Salvador Villarreal, Jr.'s license, and
- 2. imposing any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Williams

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