# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 04/22/2021

## **Subject Considered:**

Jeremy Jaye Beveney Bryant

Saint Petersburg, FL 33716-2317

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-21-1494.C TDI Enforcement File No. 26380

#### General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Jeremy Jaye Beveney Bryant (Respondent) because he was convicted of a felony and failed to notify the Department of the administrative action taken by another state. Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance. 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

- 2. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.
- The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department,

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, Saint Petersburg, FL 33716-2317. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent by electronic mail.

4. 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.

#### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction pursuant to Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.102, 4001.105, 4005.101-4005.105, 4051.401 and 4101.051; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally pursuant to Tex. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056; Tex. Ins. CODE § 82.055; and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
- 3. The department provided proper notice of the hearing pursuant to 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.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default pursuant to 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. The department'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 pursuant to 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.89.

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#### Order

It is ordered that any licenses held by Jeremy Jaye Beveney Bryant are revoked. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement and/or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

Commissioner of Insurance

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Doug Slape
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Chief Deputy Commissioner
Tex. Gov't Code § 601.002
Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5528

Prepared and reviewed by:

Sydney Moore, Staff Attorn y

**Enforcement Division** 

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#### **Affidavit**

STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

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

"My name is David Moreno 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 Jeremy Jaye Beveney Bryant. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Jeremy Jaye Beveney Bryant is , Saint Petersburg, FL 33716-2317.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated February 25, 2021, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On February 25, 2021, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Jeremy Jaye Beveney Bryant were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to his last known address.

Copies of the certified mail log maintained by the Enforcement Division are attached as Exhibit C."

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David Moreno	
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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  $\frac{3/23/2021}{}$ . This notarial act was an online notarization.

## **Notary Seal**



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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
Petitioner	
v.	OF
JEREMY JAYE BEVENY BRYANT,	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
Respondent	

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against you. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by the Department.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Wednesday, May 5**, **2021**, **at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place via videoconference using a videoconference platform controlled by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, unless otherwise ordered to proceed in another manner by the Administrative Law Judge.

The hearing shall be conducted pursuant to Tex. Gov'T Code, ch. 2001 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.

YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS MAILED. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE SHALL ENTITLE TDI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT PURSUANT TO 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.501 AND 28 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.

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IF YOU FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING REVOCATION OF YOUR LICENSE, ISSUANCE OF A CEASE AND DESIST ORDER, IMPOSITION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES, AND/OR PAYMENT OF RESTITUTION IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.90(e) and 1 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 155.101 and 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

- (1) Docketing Division
  State Office of Administrative Hearings
  300 West 15th Street, Room 504
  P.O. Box 13025
  Austin, Texas 78711-3025
  (512) 322-2061 (Fax);
- (2) Chief Clerk
  Texas Department of Insurance
  P.O. Box 12030, MC112-2A
  Austin, Texas 78711-2030
  (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
  chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Sydney Moore, Staff Attorney
  Texas Department of Insurance
  Enforcement Division, MC110-1A
  P.O. Box 12030
  Austin, Texas 78711-2030

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(512) 490-1020 (Fax) sydney.moore@tdi.texas.gov

#### **Receiving Documents**

The State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) offers you the ability to receive service of orders and other documents issued by SOAH through email instead of by mail or fax. If you want to receive SOAH-issued documents by email, go to SOAH's website, www.soah.texas.gov, click on the "E-Services" tab, then click the hyperlink "Request Service by Email (only for use by self-represented litigants)," and follow the instructions.

NOTE: A request to receive SOAH-issued documents by email does not change the procedures you must follow to file documents with SOAH. The rules for filing documents and providing copies to all other parties in the case are described in SOAH's Procedural Rules, which are available on SOAH's website. Click the "Agency" tab, then click "Administrative Rules and Laws" to view SOAH's Procedural Rules.

#### **Important Security Notice**

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Sydney Moore

State Bar No. 24056052

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

**Enclosure: Original Petition** 

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Whitney Fraser, Litigation Director, Enforcement Division, MC-110-1A Administrative Review, MC107-1A

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Sydney Moore, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2021 to:

Jeremy Jaye Beveny Bryant	Via CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8333 0565 23
Saint Petersburg, FL 33716-2317 Respondent Pro Se	Via email:
	Sydney Moore

ACCEPTED 454-21-1494 02/25/2021 11:55 AM STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS Donnie Roland, CLERK

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#### ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Jeremy Jaye Beveny Bryant. In support of this petition, the department makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

#### Jurisdiction

The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4051.401, and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

#### **Factual Allegations**

- Jeremy Jaye Beveny Bryant (Bryant), individual identification number 1210976, holds a non-resident personal lines property and casualty license issued by the Department on May 2, 2013.
- On January 27, 2020, Bryant pled guilty to the third-degree felony offense of child abuse in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit in Polk County, Florida in case number 53-2019-CF-002678-A000-XX. Bryant was sentenced to 36 months of probation and 90 days in county jail.
- 3. Bryant is currently on felony probation for a third-degree felony.
- 4. Bryant's license was revoked in his resident state of Florida on June 18, 2020.

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5. Bryant failed to notify the Department of the administrative action taken by the Department of Financial Services in the state of Florida.

#### **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Bryant has committed an act for which a license may be revoked pursuant to Tex. INS. Code § 4005.101(b) because he has been convicted of a felony, as contemplated by Tex. INS. Code § 4005.101(b)(8) and Tex. Occ. Code § 53.021(d).
- 2. Bryant has committed a felony offense, as contemplated in 28 Tex. ADMIN CODE §§ 1.502(d).
- 3. Bryant committed an offense that TDI considers to be of such serious nature that it is of prime importance in determining fitness for licensure or authorization, as contemplated by 28 Tex. Admin Code § 1.502(e)(4)(C).
- 4. Department guidelines, 28 TEX. ADMIN CODE § 1.502(c)-(e), emphasize that TDI:
  - a. considers it very important that applicants be honest, trustworthy, and reliable;
  - b. may refuse to issue an original license if the department determines that the applicant has committed a felony or has engaged in fraudulent or dishonest activity that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation; and
  - c. considers the felony offense of assault as described by Penal code, Chapter 22, to be of such a serious nature that it is of prime importance when determining fitness for licensure. 28 Tex. ADMIN CODE § 1.502(e)(4)(B).
- 5. Bryant failed to notify the Department of the administrative action taken by an insurance regulator of another state, in violation of Tex. Ins. Code § 4001.252(a)(3).
- 6. Bryant does not hold a license in good standing as an agent in his state of residence, as required by Tex. INS. CODE § 4056.052, and is no longer eligible to hold a non-resident license in Texas.

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#### **Relief Sought**

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

- 1. revoking Bryant'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,

Sydney Moore

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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