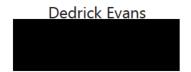
# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: <u>08/05/2021</u>

# **Subject Considered:**



Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-21-2518 TDI Enforcement File No. 24115

#### General remarks and official action taken:

The subject of this default order is whether a general lines agent license with a property and casualty qualification should be issued to Dedrick Evans aka Dedrick Earl Evans aka Willie Dedrick Evans (Respondent). Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance. This order denies Respondent's license application.

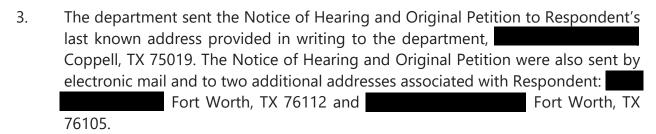
The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

#### **Findings of Fact**

#### Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- 1. On June 2, 2021, the department filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 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.

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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 under Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4051.051; 28 Tex. ADMIN. Code §§ 1.502; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally under 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 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.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default under 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 under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.89.

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#### **Order**

It is ordered that Dedrick Evans' application for a general lines agent license with a property and casualty qualification is denied. 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

Docusigned by:

Doug Slape

Chief Deputy Commissioner

Tex. Gov't Code § 601.002

Commissioner's Order No. 2018-5528

Prepared and reviewed by:

Stephanie Andrews, Staff Attorney

**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 Dedrick Evans. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Dedrick Evans is Coppell, TX 75019.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated June 2, 2021, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On June 2, 2021, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Dedrick Evans were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to his last known address and two additional addresses:

  Fort Worth, TX 76105

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

DocuSigned by:	
David Moreno	
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Affiant	

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# **Notary Seal**



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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,

Petitioner

v. OF

DEDRICK EVANS,
aka DEDRICK EARL EVANS,
aka WILLIE DEDRICK EVANS,
Respondent

Respondent

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to deny your license application. 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 **Tuesday, August 31, 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

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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.

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 DENIAL OF YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION, 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 DENIAL OF YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION, 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, MC GC-CCO
  Austin, Texas 78711-2030
  (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
  chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Stephanie Andrews, Staff Attorney Texas Department of Insurance Enforcement Division, MC ENF

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> P.O. Box 12030 Austin, Texas 78711-2030 (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Stephanie.Andrews@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**

ALL VISITORS TO THE WILLIAM P. CLEMENTS BUILDING WITHOUT AN AGENCY OR DPS ISSUED ID CARD MUST PROVIDE THE BUILDING SECURITY OFFICER WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS DOCKET NUMBER AND RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS IN ORDER TO BE ALLOWED ACCESS TO THE HEARING ROOM. INDIVIDUALS SHOULD ALLOW ADDITIONAL TIME TO GO THROUGH THE SECURITY PROCESS.

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

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Respectfully Submitted,

Stephanie Maugham Andrews
State Bar No. 24063672
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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Stephanie.Andrews@tdi.texas.gov

**Enclosure: Original Petition** 

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Enforcement Division, MC ENF Ginger Loeffler, Litigation Director, Enforcement Division, MC ENF Administrative Review, MC CO-AAL

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Stephanie Andrews, certify that a true and correct copy of this *Notice of Hearing* and the *Original Petition* were sent by email and by certified mail, return receipt requested, on this 2nd day of June, 2021 to:

Fort Worth, TX 76112 Respondent Pro Se

Dedrick Evans *CM/RRR No*: 9214890194038341343110

Coppell, TX 75019 Respondent Pro Se

<u>Dedrick Evans</u> *CM/RRR No:* 9214890194038341343158

Fort Worth, TX 76105 Respondent Pro Se

Dedrick Evans Via Email

Respondent Pro Se

Stephanie Andrews

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,

Petitioner

v. OF

DEDRICK EVANS,
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aka WILLIE DEDRICK EVANS,

#### **ORIGINAL PETITION**

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to deny Dedrick Evans aka Dedrick Earl Evans aka Willie Dedrick Evans' license application. 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 4051.051; 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021–53.023, and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

#### **Factual Allegations**

#### **License Application**

Respondent

- 1. On December 13, 2019, Dedrick Evans aka Dedrick Earl Evans aka Willie Dedrick Evans (Evans) submitted an application for a general lines agent license with a property and casualty qualification to the Texas Department of Insurance.
- 2. The department proposed to deny Evans' application on February 10, 2020, based on his failure to disclose his pending felony indictment and misdemeanor conviction. Evans appealed that decision and made a written request for a hearing.

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#### **Criminal History**

#### Petty Theft

3. On or about July 1, 2019, Evans was sentenced to 180 days confinement for the offense of Petty Theft, a Class 1 Misdemeanor, in the Circuit Court Magistrate Division First Judicial Circuit, County of Davison, South Dakota, in case number CRI19-45. The court suspended the 180 days in jail and ordered Evans to commit no similar offenses for 360 days and further ordered him to pay \$900 in restitution.

#### Willful Injury, Harassment, and Theft

- 4. On or about April 5, 2019, Evans asked a store employee to put money onto a prepaid card in the name of someone else. Evans then stated he would pay at Customer Service but instead walked out of the building without making a payment. The store employee followed Evans to the parking lot where Evans grabbed him by his clothing and threatened to shoot him. Evans then punched the employee approximately five times in the back of the head.
- 5. On or about May 17, 2019, Evans was indicted for Robbery in the Second Degree, a Class C felony, in the Iowa District Court for Dallas County, Iowa, in criminal number FECR041644.
- 6. On or about March 5, 2021, Evans was sentenced to five years confinement for the offense of Willful Injury, a class D felony, in the Iowa District Court for Dallas County, Iowa, in criminal number FECR041644.
- 7. On or about March 5, 2021, Evans was sentenced to two years confinement for the offense of Harassment in the First Degree, an aggravated misdemeanor, in the Iowa District Court for Dallas County, Iowa, in criminal number FECR041644.
- 8. On or about March 5, 2021, Evans was sentenced to one year confinement for the offense of Theft in the Fourth Degree, a serious misdemeanor, in the Iowa District Court for Dallas County, Iowa, in criminal number FECR041644.
- 9. Evans was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$750 for his conviction for Willful Injury, \$625 for his conviction for Harassment in the First Degree, and \$315

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for his conviction for Theft in the Fourth Degree. Further, Evans was ordered to pay pecuniary damages to the victim(s) of his offenses.

10. Evans' sentences were ordered to run consecutive for a maximum term of eight years. However, Evans' confinement was probated for a period of three years. Evans is currently on probation until 2024.

#### Misrepresentation on License Application

11. In his application, Evans falsely answered "No" to the following questions:

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a misdemeanor?

Have you ever been convicted of a felony, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a felony?

12. At the time of his application, Evans had been convicted for the misdemeanor offense of Petty Theft and was indicted for the felony offense of Robbery in the Second Degree.

# **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Evans willfully violated an insurance law of this state, in violation of Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(1).
- 2. Evans made a material misstatement in a license application, in violation of Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(2).
- 3. Evans attempted to obtain a license by fraud or misrepresentation, in violation of Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101(b)(3).
- 4. Evans has engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, in violation of Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(5).

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- 5. Evans has been convicted of a felony, as contemplated by Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(8).
- 6. Evans committed an offense that the department considers to be of such serious nature that it is of prime importance in determining fitness for licensure, as contemplated by 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502(e)(1), (e)(3), (e)(4)(B), and (e)(4)(F).
- 7. 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;
  - c. considers any offense for which fraud, dishonesty, or deceit is an essential element, 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)(1);
  - d. considers any felony involving moral turpitude or breach of fiduciary duty, 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)(3);
  - e. considers the offense of Willful Injury, 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); and
  - f. considers the offense of Theft, 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)(F).

#### **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:

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- 1. Denying Dedrick Evans aka Dedrick Earl Evans aka Willie Dedrick Evans license application; 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,

Stephanie Maugham Andrews

State Bar No. 24063672

Texas Department of Insurance

**Enforcement Division** 

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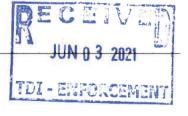
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