# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 10/21/2021

# **Subject Considered:**

Thomas Anthony Mayhew

Lufkin, TX 75901

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-22-0075 TDI Enforcement File No. 27994

#### General remarks and official action taken:

This is a default order taken against Thomas Anthony Mayhew (Respondent) because Respondent is currently imprisoned following a felony conviction. 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

- On September 9, 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.
- 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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Lufkin, TX 75901. The Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were also sent to one additional address associated with Respondent:



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**

- 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, 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 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 any licenses held by Thomas Anthony Mayhew 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.

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Cassie Brown

Commissioner of Insurance

Prepared and reviewed by:

L. Merida

Latoya Merida, 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 Thomas Anthony Mayhew. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Thomas Anthony Mayhew is Lufkin, TX 75901.
- b. The file maintained by the Enforcement Division contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated September 9, 2021, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On September 9, 2021, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Thomas Anthony Mayhew were mailed certified, return receipt requested, to his last known address and one additional 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  $\frac{10/5/2021}{}$ . This notarial act was an online notarization.

# **Notary Seal**



# **Digital Certificate**

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Carol Hale, CLERK

**ACCEPTED** 

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,

Petitioner

v. OF

THOMAS ANTHONY MAYHEW,

Respondent

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

#### 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 **Tuesday, December 7, 2021, at 1:00 p.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 under 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 UNDER 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.501 AND 28 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.

EXHIBIT

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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, MC GC-CCO
  Austin, Texas 78711-2030
  (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
  chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) Latoya Merida, Staff Attorney
  Texas Department of Insurance
  Enforcement Division, MC ENF
  P.O. Box 12030
  Austin, Texas 78711-2030

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> (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Latoya.merida@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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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

**Enclosure: Original Petition** 

Latoya.merida@tdi.texas.gov

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

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Latoya Merida, 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 9th day of September, 2021 to:

Thomas Anthony Mayhew Lufkin, TX 75901 Respondent Pro Se	CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8348 8445 04
Thomas Anthony Mayhew  New Boston, TX 75570  Respondent Pro Se	CM/RRR No.: 9214 8901 9403 8348 8455 63
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Latoya Merida

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,

Petitioner

v. OF

THOMAS ANTHONY MAYHEW,

Respondent

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

#### ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to take disciplinary action against Thomas Anthony Mayhew. 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 under Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, 4054.051, and 4051.201; 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021 – 53.023 and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

# **Factual Allegations**

#### Licensure

Thomas Anthony Mayhew (Mayhew), individual identification no. 211558, holds a
general lines agent license with a life, accident, health, and HMO qualification,
issued by the Texas Department of Insurance on October 9, 2019. Mayhew also
holds a county mutual agent license with a county mutual qualification, issued by
the department on October 8, 2019.

# Criminal History

 On or about July 1, 2021, Mayhew pled guilty to the felony offense of Injury to a Child, Elderly Individual, or Disabled Individual in Cause No. 2019-0803 in the 217<sup>th</sup> District Court, Angelina County, Texas.

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3. On July 1, 2021, Mayhew was sentenced to serve 18 years in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

#### **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Mayhew has been convicted of a felony, in violation of Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(8).
- 2. Mayhew has been imprisoned following a felony conviction, resulting in revocation of his license by operation of law under Tex. Occ. Code § 53.021(b) and 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502(j).

# **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 Thomas Anthony Mayhew's licenses 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,

L. Merida

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