

Cairns, Kelly (OIC)

From: Stickler, Marcia (OIC)
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 4:02 PM
To: Cairns, Kelly (OIC)
Subject: FW: Revocation of license case# 12-0020

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Hi, Kelly. This young woman is requesting a hearing on her revocation, Order 12-0020. Is her reason as stated sufficient? Her aim is to keep her license. Thanks.

Stickler, Marcia (OIC)
Patricia D. Patterson
Chief Hearing Officer

-----Original Message-----

From: Tara Thompson [mailto:tarathompson2002@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, February 24, 2012 2:30 PM
To: Stickler, Marcia (OIC)
Subject: Revocation of license case# 12-0020

Hi Marcia,

I would like to request a hearing in matter of my license being revoked as I would like to retain my license.

Thank you,
Tara Thompson, Agent
EC Transportation Insurance Services

Sent from my iPhone



OFFICE OF
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In The Matter of

TARA M. THOMPSON,

Licensee.

NO. 12-0020

NPN 8579429

WAOIC 244984

ORDER REVOKING LICENSE

To: Tara M. Thompson
2611 South 74th Avenue
Yakima, Washington 98903

IT IS ORDERED AND YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that your Washington State insurance producer's license is **REVOKED**, effective February 13, 2012, pursuant to RCW 48.17.530 and RCW 48.17.540(2).

THIS ORDER IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

Tara M. Thompson ("Thompson" or "the Licensee") has been licensed as an insurance producer since August 30, 2005. During the time under consideration, February 18, 2011 through October 3, 2011, Thompson was affiliated with Gaethle Insurance & Financial Services, Inc. Her affiliation was cancelled by Mr. Gaethle on October 10, 2011. Mr. Gaethle is also a church basketball team coach.

Amanda Frank works with her father at Kim Eccleston Motors in Union Gap, Washington. She made a complaint alleging that Thompson sent her two false certificates/policies of insurance shortly after Thompson's father purchased a vehicle for Thompson from the dealership on August 10, 2011. Without proof of insurance, the vehicle was subject to repossession. Ms. Frank made several attempts to get Thompson to send her a proof of insurance certificate, and finally, she provided a policy binder for an old Progressive policy that had been cancelled. The next day, Ms. Frank repossessed the vehicle. Thereafter, Ms. Frank found a certificate in her office that was faxed from Thompson—this one placing the vehicle on her father's Progressive commercial insurance policy. However, the VIN was incorrect.

About the same time as the policy issues were being discussed, Mr. Gaethle confronted Thompson with some financial irregularities he had noticed in the premium trust account. Thompson was the person who logged the majority of premiums received by the agency into a manual log book at the insurance agency. The first entries made by Thompson started soon after she began employment in early 2011. Every couple of days, Thompson or others would receive cash premium monies and log the amount deposited into the premium trust account before making such deposits. Between February 2011 and August 19, 2011, Thompson misappropriated \$2,659.75 to her own use, out of a

total of \$11,028.99 that was received. In addition, she took \$400 out of the Riverside Christian Boys Basketball booster club box to which she had access to in Mr. Gaethle's office.

Applicable Law:

RCW 48.17.480(4) states that any insurance producer that diverts or appropriates funds received in a fiduciary capacity to his or her own use is guilty of theft.

RCW 48.17.530(1) allows the Commissioner to place on probation, suspend, or revoke a license for the following causes:

- (d) misappropriating funds received in the course of doing insurance business; and
- (h) using fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices, or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that you return your insurance producer license certificate to the Commissioner on or before the effective date of the revocation of your license, as required by RCW 48.17.530(4). Return your license to: Licensing Manager, Office of the Insurance Commissioner, P O Box 40257, Olympia, WA 98504-0257.

ENTERED AT TUMWATER, WASHINGTON, this 24th day of January, 2012.

MIKE KREIDLER
Insurance Commissioner

By



Marcia G. Stickler, Staff Attorney
Legal Affairs Division

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NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING

If you are aggrieved by this Order, RCW 48.04.010 permits you to demand a hearing. Pursuant to that statute and others: You must demand a hearing, in writing, within 90 days after the date of this Order, which is the day it was mailed to you, or you will waive your right to a hearing. Your demand for a hearing must specify the reasons why you think this Order should be changed. Upon receipt of your demand for hearing, you will be contacted by an assistant of the Chief Hearing Officer to schedule a teleconference with you and the Insurance Commissioner's Office to discuss the hearing and the procedures to be followed.

Please send any demand for hearing to:

Office of the Insurance Commissioner
Attention: Patricia D. Petersen, Chief Hearing Officer
Hearings Unit
P.O. Box 40255
Olympia, WA 98504-0255

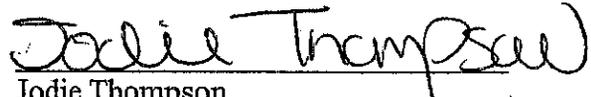
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

The undersigned certifies under the penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that I am now and at all times herein mentioned, a citizen of the United States, a resident of the State of Washington, over the age of eighteen years, not a party to or interested in the above-entitled action, and competent to be a witness herein.

On the date given below I caused to be served the foregoing ORDER REVOKING LICENSE on the following individual via US Mail.

Tara M. Thompson
2611 South 74th Avenue
Yakima, Washington 98903

SIGNED this 24th day of January 2012, at Tumwater, Washington.


Jodie Thompson

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