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Illinois Department of Insurance Disciplinary Report for September and October 2010

CHICAGO - The Illinois Department of Insurance announced today that Director of Insurance Michael T. McRaith issued the following disciplinary orders:

- **Shango D. Johnson, Chicago** - Insurance producer license suspended effective September 8, 2010. Mr. Johnson was licensed to sell life, accident, and health insurance since April 18, 2007. Mr. Johnson's license was suspended following conclusion of a hearing on the Department's Order of Suspension dated May 6, 2010. The Order of Suspension was issued as a result of an investigation revealing that Mr. Johnson was more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order.
- **Jimmie Lee Smith, Waukegan** - Insurance producer license application denied effective July 29, 2010. Mr. Smith's application for a license to sell life, accident and health insurance was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that the Applicant was convicted of three drug-related felonies and that the Applicant is under supervised release until November 2011.
- **Nana A. Ohenewaa, Woodridge** - Insurance producer license revoked effective September 22, 2010. Ms. Ohenewaa was licensed to sell property and casualty insurance since November 28, 2000. Her license was revoked as result of an investigation which revealed that the Licensee issued six fraudulent certificates of insurance; withheld more than \$3,000 of premiums due to insurer; and failed to facilitate and aid the Director in an investigation. The Order of Revocation also contains a \$50,000 civil penalty.
- **Michael C. Turner, Chicago** - Insurance producer license application denied effective July 8, 2010. Mr. Turner's application for a license to sell life, accident and health insurance was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that the Applicant was delinquent in paying child support.
- **Darryl D. Witte, Channahon** - Stipulation and Consent Order, effective June 16, 2010. Mr. Witte has been licensed to sell life, accident, health and variable insurance since July 11, 1996. The Stipulation and Consent Order, which includes a \$5,000 civil forfeiture and corrective orders, alleges that Mr. Witte forged two consumers' signatures to numerous annuity related applications and forms without the consumers' knowledge or consent.
- **Douglas D. Rawe, Springfield** - Insurance producer license application denied effective July 26, 2010. Mr. Rawe's application for a license to sell life, accident, and health insurance was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that the Applicant sold an insurance policy to an Illinois consumer while he did not have a valid insurance producer license and received commissions for the sale of said policy. Mr. Rawe was also assessed a \$2,000 civil forfeiture.
- **David D. Evans, Gurnee** - Stipulation and Consent Order, effective June 9, 2010. Mr. Evans has been licensed to sell life, accident, and health insurance licensed since July 28, 2005. The Stipulation and Consent Order, which includes a \$2,000 civil forfeiture, restitution to an insurer and corrective orders, alleges that Mr. Evans failed to forward premiums to an insurer.

- **Rashaunn L. Cherry, Charlotte, N.C.** - Insurance producer license application denied effective July 26, 2010. Mr. Cherry's application for a license to sell casualty and fire insurance was denied as a result of an investigation which revealed that the Applicant submitted 32 bogus applications for insurance to an insurer; owed the insurer \$4,531.97 in unearned commissions; and submitted a check for his insurance producer license on an account that did not contain sufficient funds. The Denial requires Mr. Cherry to pay the insurer \$4,531.97 in restitution and a \$16,000 civil penalty.
- **Donald E. Harris, Jackson, Mo.** - Stipulation and Consent Order, effective June 3, 2010. Mr. Harris was licensed to sell life, accident, and health insurance licensed since May 9, 1995. The Stipulation and Consent Order, which includes a \$10,000 civil forfeiture and corrective orders that require Mr. Harris to immediately surrender his license and not seek licensure at any time in the future, alleges that Mr. Harris made himself Durable Power of Attorney for an Illinois consumer and attempted to withdraw \$400,000 from the consumer's insurance policies.
- **Danuta M. Valentino, Schaumburg** - Insurance producer license revoked effective September 22, 2010. Ms. Valentino was licensed to sell life, accident, health, property and casualty insurance since February 9, 1999. Her license was revoked as result of an investigation which revealed that the Licensee submitted bogus applications to an insurer; withheld more than \$4,000 of premiums due to the insurer; and failed to facilitate and aid the Director in an investigation. The Order of Revocation also contains a \$30,000 civil penalty and \$4,842.35 in restitution to an insurer.
- **Andrew N. Gorelick, Owings Mills, Md.** - Stipulation and Consent Order issued regarding the public adjuster licensee, effective July 15, 2010. The Stipulation and Consent Order, which includes a \$2,000 civil forfeiture and corrective orders, alleges that Mr. Gorelick failed to reveal administrative actions against his Florida and South Carolina licenses, on his application for an Illinois public adjuster license.
- **Karolina Kenar, Harwood Heights** - Stipulation and Consent Order, effective September 17, 2010. Ms. Kenar has been licensed to property, and casualty insurance licensed since March 22, 2007. The Stipulation and Consent Order, which includes a \$5,000 civil forfeiture and corrective orders, alleges that Ms. Kenar issued a fraudulent certificate of insurance and improperly withheld insurance premiums from an insurer.
- **Carl W. Zeidler, Carlinville** - Stipulation and Consent Order, effective October 6, 2010. Mr. Zeidler has been licensed to sell life, accident, health, property, casualty and variable insurance since 1976. The Stipulation and Consent Order, which includes a \$5,000 civil forfeiture and corrective orders, alleges that Mr. Zeidler solicited an Illinois consumer to purchase an annuity that was not approved for sale in Illinois.
- **Steven DeJohn, Arlington Heights, and DeJohn Advisory Team, Rolling Meadows** - Stipulation and Consent Order, effective September 13, 2010. The Stipulation and Consent Order, which includes a \$3,000 civil penalty and corrective orders, alleges that Mr. DeJohn and the DeJohn Advisory Team used a misleading advertisement on its website and failed to submit the advertisement for review and approval as required in an informational alert provided by the insurer.
- **Jerome Perkins, Oak Park** - Insurance producer license revoked effective August 5, 2010. Mr. Perkins had been licensed to sell life, accident, health, fire and casualty insurance since February 26, 1993. His license was revoked following conclusion of a hearing on the Department's Order of Revocation dated October 29, 2009. The Order of Revocation was issued as a result of an investigation revealing that Mr. Perkins had sold a bogus insurance card to an undercover police detective; improperly withheld insurance premiums for two consumers from an insurer; did not properly match and identify commission withdrawals from the Premium Fund Trust Account (PFTA); issued eight improper withdrawals from the PFTA; did not reconcile the PFTA in accordance with PFTA rules; and improperly charged service fees. The Director's Order includes a \$21,000 civil penalty and \$359.90 in hearing costs.

- **Raphael Marvin Weaver, Tinley Park** – Insurance producer license denied effective October 5, 2010. Mr. Weaver’s application for a license to sell life, accident, health, property and casualty insurance was denied following conclusion of a hearing on the Department’s Letter of Denial dated February 18, 2010. The Letter of Denial was issued as a result of an investigation revealing that Mr. Weaver failed to reveal two felony convictions on his 2005 application for an insurance license. The Director’s Order includes a civil penalty of \$10,000 and an assessment of hearing costs in the amount of \$300.35.
- **Willie R. Wallace, Homewood** - Stipulation and Consent Order, effective June 9, 2010. Mr. Wallace has been licensed to sell life, accident, health, fire and casualty insurance since June 20, 1990. The Stipulation and Consent Order, which includes a \$5,000 civil forfeiture and corrective orders, alleges that Mr. Wallace forged a consumer’s signature to an insurance application without the consumer’s knowledge or consent and paid a consumer’s first premium, which would constitute a violation of the rebating law.
- **Andres Garcia, Chicago** – Insurance producer license denied effective October 5, 2010. Mr. Garcia’s application for a license to sell life insurance was denied following conclusion of a hearing on the Department’s Letter of Denial dated March 11, 2010. The Letter of Denial was issued as a result of an investigation revealing Mr. Garcia was convicted of felony Aggravated Unlawful Use of a Weapon/Vehicle in February 2007.

More Information

The Department’s mission is to protect consumers by providing assistance and information, by efficiently regulating the insurance industry’s market behavior and financial solvency, and by fostering a competitive insurance marketplace. The Department assists consumers with all insurance complaints, including health, auto, life, and homeowner. Consumers in need of information or assistance should visit the Department’s web site at insurance.illinois.gov or call our toll-free hotline at (866) 445-5364.

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