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**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting In-Person and via Zoom
April 14th, 2023**

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Clark, Muldoon), Edwards, Joyner, Molder (via Zoom), Wilburn (via Zoom), and Craig (via Zoom) present.

Assistant Attorney General Doralee Chandler was present. Board Staff Scott Handford, Ron Bratton, and Veronica Tuzon was present.

Hearings

Crawford Co. Cricut Court vs G.M. Bail Bonds\Lisa Echols

Board heard Complaint, and Edwards made a motion to pay forfeiture from the Bail Bond Recovery Fund. Joyner seconded motion. Motion passed all board members in favor.

APBBLB vs D&G Bail Bonds, LLC. / David Rose

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

A hearing on the above-referenced matter was held before the Arkansas Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board (“Board”) on April 14, 2023. Tom Donaldson appeared at the hearing on behalf of Respondent, along with Respondent David Rose. (“Respondent”). The Board was represented by Deputy Attorney General Doralee Chandler. Finding proper notice had been given Respondent, the Board, from all the evidence presented, makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent D & G Bail Bonds is licensed as a professional bail bond company and held a license at all times relevant to this hearing.
2. Respondent David Rose is a licensed professional bail bondsman and held a license at all times relevant to this hearing.
3. On July 26, 2022, the Board received a complaint against Respondents from Chief Deputy Todd Grooms, Crittenden County Sheriff’s Department (“Department”).

4. The Complainant alleged that Respondent Rose failed to provide notification to the enforcement agencies prior to any attempt of apprehension pursuant to Rule 42(D) of the Rules of Bail Bond Business and Ark. Code Ann. §16-84-114(b)(4).
5. Scott Handford, Investigator for the Board confirmed Lakisha Mills with the Department received a call from Respondent David Rose that Cortez Brown was already apprehended by the Respondents prior to contacting the Department.
6. Respondent Rose was aware of the notice requirement but failed to contact the Department prior to Mr. Brown escaping out of the moving vehicle.
7. Respondent Rose did not believe that Mr. Brown would appear at Interstate Liquor as represented so he did not contact the Department.
8. Respondent Rose was criminally charged with violating Ark. Code Ann. §16-84-114(b)(4) and entered into a plea agreement.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's actions, as set forth above, constitute a violation of A.C.A. § 16-84-114(b)(4) and Board Rule(s) 42(D).

Board heard complaint. A motion was made by Muldoon to fine D&G Bail Bonds, LLC. \$500.00 fine Under State Statue 16-84-114(b)(4). Joyner seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

APBBLB vs Free at Last Bail Bonds Co. Inc. / Jeremey Davis

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

A hearing on the above-referenced matter was held before the Arkansas Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bondsman Licensing Board ("Board") on April 14, 2023. Richard Hughes appeared at the hearing on behalf of Respondents, along with Respondent Jeremiah Davis. ("Respondent"). The Board was represented by Deputy Attorney General Doralee Chandler. The Board, from all the evidence presented, makes the following. Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Free at Last Bail Bonds, Company is licensed as a professional bail bond company and held a license at all times relevant to this hearing.
2. Respondent Jeremiah Davis is a licensed professional bail bondsman and held a license at all times relevant to this hearing and for two years prior to this matter.
3. On January 13, 2023, the Board entered an Emergency Order and Notice of Hearing in the above matter whereby the licenses were suspended pending a disciplinary hearing.
4. Respondent Davis provided the Board with multiple personal addresses consisting of 1410 Spring Street, Hot Springs, Arkansas; 5450 N. Peachtree Rd., Atlanta, Georgia; and a Rogers, Arkansas address.
5. Respondent Davis provided the Board with a company address consisting of 200 W. Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock and 201 W. Roosevelt Rd., Little Rock.
6. Respondent Davis listed a Texas driver's license on his Bail Bond Class Application completed October 3, 2022.
7. Scott Handford, Investigator for the Board, completed an investigation into the residency of Respondent Davis.
8. Mr. Handford travelled to Rogers, Arkansas and was unable to locate a specific address for Respondent Davis.
9. Mr. Handford travelled to the Hot Springs address recently listed in the Board documents discovering a GMC pick-up in the driveway with a resident, Mary, answering the door indicating that she was Respondent Davis's mother. Mary advised that Respondent Davis lived in Dunwoody, Georgia.
10. Lynda Charles completed a Bill of Sale for Free at Last Bail Bonds, Co. to Respondent Davis on October 3, 2023.
11. The 2023 Renewal Application listed Free At Last Bail Bonds, Co. ownership with Jeremiah Davis, Cyril Parish and Gary Williams.

12. Respondents failed to present to the Board any paperwork or application for approval of the change of ownership for the company.
13. Respondent Davis failed to provide the Board with any change of address information.
14. Respondent Davis has a 2014 Yukon assessed with Garland County, but it was not the vehicle parked at the residence and the assessment documents indicate "Out of State."
15. The property located at 1410 Spring St., Hot Springs was transferred from Mary Davis to Respondent Davis on January 23, 2023.
16. Respondent Davis obtained an Arkansas driver's license January 2023 listing the Hot Springs address but testified that he comes to Hot Springs to visit with the intent of it becoming his residence.
17. Respondent Davis wakes up daily in Georgia and has a mailing address in Georgia.
18. Respondent Davis is the only agent for the Company without a license that has been revoked.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. APBBLB Rule 14(C) provides that all changes in ownership or changes to the corporate structure of any Arkansas licensed bail bond company shall be transmitted to the Board via a completed application indicating the change. Respondent's actions, as set forth above, constitute a violation.
2. APBBLB Rule 14(F) any application for a company license will be approved or denied by the Board. Respondent's actions, as set forth above, constitute a violation.
3. Ark. Code Ann. § 17-19-201 provides that a professional bail bond company shall not engage in the bail bond business without having been licensed as a professional bail bond company and except through an agent licensed as a professional bail bondsman under this chapter.
4. Ark. Code Ann. § 17-19-10 I provides that a professional bail bondsman means an individual who is a resident of this state. Respondent's actions, as set forth above, constitute a violation.
5. APBBLB Rule 36 provides that every bail bondsman shall notify the Board in writing of any changes of his principal address and/or residence address within thirty (30) days of such change. Respondent's

actions, as set forth above, constitute a violation.

being posted by charitable organization and to make them go through the licensing process as far as background checks.

Board heard complaint presented by the Assistant Attorney General. Edwards made a motion to continue Jeremy Davis's suspension under Ark. Code Ann. 17-19-101, Respondent Davis's bail bondsman license suspended pursuant to the Emergency Order and Hearing Notice issued January 13, 2023, shall remain suspended until such time he is a resident of the State of Arkansas. Upon the determination that Respondent Company has failed to submit a change of ownership application pursuant to APBBLB Rule 14(C) to be approved by the Board pursuant to APBBLB Rule (F) and for which the Respondent Company does not have a licensed agent pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §17-19-201, the Respondent Company shall remain suspended until such time it submits acceptable applications to be compliant with the provisions stated herein. Edwards also stated that the company license stay suspended until such time all requirements by the APBBLB be met for the company to remain in business. Joyner seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes presented for previous meeting were approved. Edwards made motion to approve previous minutes and Muldoon seconded. Motion passed.

Old business

AG reported no appeal updates pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

The Chairman invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid since last meeting. Edwards made a motion to approve expenses and Muldoon seconded. Motion passed.

Transfers- There were one (1) transfers.

License Suspensions and Terminations- There were one (1) License Suspensions and Termination.

Previous months Forfeitures - New: Twenty-nine (209 New Forfeitures

License Approvals:

There were seven (7) licenses issued since last meeting.

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented.

Investigators Report: Investigator informed board of new cases working and working with AG on previous cases.

Director's Report / Review:
Director unavailable due to illness.

Public Comments:

Meeting was adjourned.
Muldoon made a motion to adjourn, Joyner seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 12th day of May 2023 _____
Curt Clark, Chairman