

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
BEFORE THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER

In the Matter of)	
)	CONSENT ORDER
Stephen Kitchens,)	
NPN 17467733,)	CASE NO. AG-15-552
)	
Respondent.)	

TO: Stephen Kitchens, 8916 Datapoint Drive, #2902, San Antonio, TX 78229

Insurance Commissioner Adam Hamm ("Commissioner") has determined as follows:

1. As a result of information obtained by the North Dakota Insurance Department ("Department") regarding the conduct of Stephen Kitchens, NPN 17467733 ("Respondent"), the Commissioner has considered scheduling a formal hearing to determine whether Respondent's conduct as alleged constitutes a basis for imposition of a civil penalty or any other action the Commissioner deems necessary. As more fully described below, Respondent's conduct is alleged to be in violation of N.D.C.C. §§ 26.1-26-15 and 26.1-26-42(1).

2. N.D.C.C. § 26.1-26-15 requires that an applicant for any license must be deemed by the Commissioner to be competent, trustworthy, financially responsible, and of good personal and business reputation.

3. N.D.C.C. § 26.1-26-42 states, in part:

The commissioner may suspend, revoke, place on probation, or refuse to continue or refuse to issue any license issued under this chapter if, after notice to the licensee and hearing, the commissioner finds as to the licensee any of the following conditions:

1. A materially untrue statement in the license application.

4. Respondent has been licensed as a nonresident insurance producer in North Dakota since January 15, 2015.

5. According to information received by the Department, on or about May 27, 2015, Respondent submitted documentation to the National Insurance Producer Registry Attachment Warehouse regarding a conviction for Wrongful Use of Cocaine on January 22, 1999. A review of Respondent's file revealed that the conviction was not disclosed on Respondent's nonresident insurance application in North Dakota. Respondent's failure to disclose the criminal conviction on a license application is in violation of N.D.C.C. §§ 26.1-26-15 and 26.1-26-42(1).

6. Respondent's actions constitute violations of N.D.C.C. §§ 26.1-26-15 and 26.1-26-42(1).

7. Respondent acknowledges that at the time of signing the Consent to Entry of Order, he was aware of or had been advised of the right to a hearing in this matter, to consult an attorney, to present argument to the Commissioner, to appeal from any adverse determination after a hearing, and Respondent expressly waives those rights.

8. Respondent has agreed to informal disposition of this matter, without a hearing, as provided under N.D.C.C. § 28-32-22.

9. For purposes of resolving this matter without further administrative proceedings, Respondent has agreed to enter into the following order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent agrees to pay a fine in the amount of \$200 payable by money order, cashier's check, or credit card to the North Dakota Insurance Department within 20 days of the effective date of this Order.

2. The use of this Consent Order for competitive purposes by an insurance producer or agency holding a license in the State of North Dakota, or by any company holding a Certificate of Authority, or by anyone on their behalf, may be deemed unfair competition and be grounds for suspension or revocation of said license or authority.

DATED at Bismarck, North Dakota, this 5th day of August, 2015.



Adam Hamm
Insurance Commissioner
State of North Dakota

CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

The undersigned, **Stephen Kitchens**, states that he has read the foregoing Consent Order, that he knows and fully understands its contents and effect; that he has been advised of the right to a hearing in this matter, the right to be represented by legal counsel, the right to present evidence and arguments to the Commissioner, and the right to appeal from an adverse determination after hearing; and that by the signing of this Consent to Entry of Order he waives those rights in their entirety, and consents to entry of this Order by the Commissioner. It is further expressly understood that this

Order constitutes the entire settlement agreement between the parties, there being no other promises or agreements, either expressed or implied.

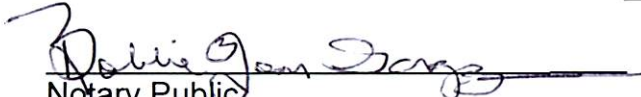
DATED this 29th day of July, 2015.



Stephen Kitchens

County of Dexar
State of Texas

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of July, 2015.



Notary Public

My commission expires: 8/3/2016

