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Mississippi Insurance Department Issues Cease and Desist Order on Waynesboro Agency

Jackson- Investigators from the Mississippi Insurance Department have issued a Cease and Desist Order to LaDonna Carlisle Lightsey and the Carlisle Agency, LLC operating in Waynesboro, MS. Lightsey is a nonresident insurance producer and is also the owner/operator of the Carlisle Agency.

MID received complaints and significant documented evidence from insureds, insurance companies, and premium finance companies that Ms. Lightsey developed and pursued a scheme whereby premiums received from insureds and/or premium finance companies were not forwarded to the respective insurance companies, but were instead misappropriated or converted by Ms. Lightsey for her personal use in violation of <u>Miss. Code Ann.</u> § 83-17-71(1)(d).

As a result of the complaints and documented evidence, MID has issued the Cease and Desist Order on Ms. Lightsey and the Carlisle Agency, LLC enjoining both from conducting the business of insurance in this state pending a final determination by the Commissioner of Insurance.

Pursuant to this Cease and Desist Order, Ms. Lightsey and/or the Carlisle Agency, LLC may not collect or receive premiums; may not write any new business; may not sell, solicit or negotiate the business of insurance; may not conduct or accept insurance business from an individual who is not licensed; and may not service any current existing business.

Anyone who had business with Ms. Lightsey should contact their insurance company regarding the payment of premiums or servicing of their policies.

If insureds are unable to contact their insurance company, they can contact MID for further assistance at 1-800-562-2957.

The MID Investigations Division has worked with the Waynesboro PD on this investigation and as a result a warrant for Ms. Lightsey's arrest has been issued by the City of Waynesboro for the felony crime of embezzlement.