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## BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

PETITIONER

VS. CAUSE NUMBER: 19-7368

DEONTE ALLEN RESPONDENT

## CEASE AND DESIST ORDER WITHOUT NOTICE

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Insurance Department ("MID") has received evidence that indicates Deonte Allen (hereinafter "Respondent") has violated the Mississippi Insurance Code by engaging and representing himself as a bail enforcement agent in the State of Mississippi without an active license.

WHEREAS, the Department is vested with the responsibility of regulating the business of insurance in the State of Mississippi. Any person or other entity engaging in the business of insurance in this State must comply with this State's licensing and regulatory provisions. Further, the Commissioner of Insurance is authorized to issue an order directing persons violating the insurance laws of this State to cease and desist from engaging in such practices.

WHEREAS, the MID has received complaints and significant documented evidence from a consumer that Respondent has violated Miss. Code Ann. § 83-39-29 (3) as follows: The Respondent has attempted to arrest and detain persons without a bail enforcement agent license.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that, pursuant to the authority granted to the Commissioner of Insurance by Miss. Code Ann. § 83-1-49 to enjoin any unlicensed person, company, corporation, or association that has engaged in improper or unauthorized activity, Deonte Allen is hereby ordered to IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST conducting the business of bail enforcement in this State pending a final determination by the Commissioner.

FURTHERMORE, pursuant to this Cease and Desist Order, the Respondent shall not act as or hold himself out to be a bail enforcement agent. Should the Respondent be aggrieved by this

Order of the Commissioner, he may request a hearing for reconsideration within twenty (20) days of the date of this Cease and Desist Order. Please be advised that should Respondent fail or refuse to comply with this Cease and Desist Order, Mississippi law provides that such violation shall be a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punishable by a fine of not more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) per violation.

SO ORDERED AND ISSUED this the day of May, 2019.

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