



## **For Immediate Release**

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### **MID Issues Alert to State Producers on Unauthorized Insurance Activity**

Jackson –The Mississippi Insurance Department is alerting the Mississippi producer community that it is investigating possible instances of unauthorized insurance activity focusing on habitation risks (e.g., apartment buildings, condominium developments, hotels, etc.).

Specifically, alleged coverage, binders and/or policies placed through an unlicensed individual and entity, Michael A. “Mike” Ward or his related entity, JRSO, Inc. (<http://www.jrso-inc.com/>) are suspect. For any coverage that is unauthorized, legitimate coverage should be immediately obtained and the Mississippi Insurance Department should be contacted. Neither Ward nor JRSO, Inc. is licensed in Mississippi.

If you have any questions about this matter generally, or if you specifically conducted business with Mr. Ward or JRSO, Inc., please contact the Mississippi Insurance Department’s Director of Investigations and Consumer Protection - John Hornback at (601) 359-3569 or by email at [john.hornback@mid.state.ms.us](mailto:john.hornback@mid.state.ms.us)

Consumers in need of information or assistance should visit the Department’s web site at [www.mid.state.ms.us](http://www.mid.state.ms.us) or call our toll-free hotline at (800) 562-2957.

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