STATE OF OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS SERVICES
DIVISION OF FINANCIAL REGULATION

In the Matter of DOUGLAS A. EZE aka John Doe aka Douglas Anthony Chukwuka Eze aka Anthony Chux Ezehez aka "S.D.C.", Respondent.	Case No. INS-24-0038 FINAL ORDER TO CEASE AND DESIST, ORDER SUSPENDING NONRESIDENT INSURANCE PRODUCER LICENSE, AND CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Services for the State of Oregon ("Director"), acting in accordance with Oregon Revised Statutes ("ORS") chapters 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 737, 742, 743, 743A, 743B, 744, 746, 748 and 750 ("Insurance Code"), has conducted an investigation of Douglas A. Eze aka John Doe aka Douglas Anthony Chukwuka Eze aka Anthony Chux Ezehez aka S.D.C., ("Respondent"). Respondent has resolved this matter with the Director by agreeing to the suspension of his Oregon nonresident insurance producer license.

Now, therefore, as evidenced by the signature subscribed herein, Respondent hereby CONSENTS to the entry of this Order.

The Director makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Orders.

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FINDINGS OF FACT

The Director FINDS that:

1. Respondent is a resident of the State of Maryland whose address is located at 2001 Yorkshire Lane, Waldorf, MD 20603.

2. Respondent's National Association of Insurance Commissioners ("NAIC")

national producer number is 3116456, and he was first licensed as an Oregon non-resident insurance producer on April 14, 2020.

3. On November 21, 2023, the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland (the "MD Dist. Ct.") issued a sealed indictment against Respondent charging him with one count of making a false statement in a passport application, two counts of false swearing in an immigration matter, four counts of aggravated identity theft, and two counts of use of a passport secured by a false statement.

4. On December 14, 2023, the MD Dist. Ct. held its initial pretrial hearing in the form of an initial appearance by Respondent in which, *inter alia*, the court ordered that the criminal case against Respondent be unsealed, Respondent filed a financial affidavit, and a federal public defender was appointed for Respondent. Concurrently, Respondent was arrested and incarcerated beginning on December 14 until his release on January 3, 2024.

5. On or about February 2, 2024, 50 days after the initial appearance, but 30 days after his release from incarceration, Respondent uploaded a letter to the National Insurance Producer Registry ("NIPR") Warehouse disclosing the criminal charges that had been brought against him. Three days later, on February 5, he uploaded the indictment listing the criminal charges levied against him.

6. The criminal case against Respondent remains pending as of the date of this order, with a trial allegedly scheduled to begin in September 2024.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Director CONCLUDES that

7. Pursuant to ORS 744.089(2), a licensed insurance producer who is the subject of any criminal prosecution taken in any jurisdiction must report the prosecution to the Director not later than the 30th day after the initial pretrial hearing date. The report must include a copy of the initial complaint filed, the order resulting from the hearing and any other relevant legal documents.

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8. By failing to inform the Director within 30 days of the initial pretrial hearing date, Respondent violated ORS 744.089(2).

9. ORS 744.074(1)(b) authorizes the Director to place a licensee on probation or to suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew a license for the violation of any insurance law or of violating any rule, subpoena or order of the Director. Because Respondent violated 744.089(2) by failing to provide timely notice of the criminal prosecution pending against him, the Director may revoke or suspend Respondent's insurance producer license pursuant to ORS 744.074(1)(b).

10. Pursuant to ORS 731.252(1), whenever the Director has reason to believe that any person has been engaged or is engaging or is about to engage in any violation of the Insurance Code, the Director may issue an order, directed to such person, to discontinue or desist from such violation or threatened violation.

11. Because the Director has reason to believe that Respondent has violated ORS 744.089(2), the Director may issue an order directed to Respondent to discontinue or desist from those violations under ORS 731.252(1).

ORDERS

The Director issues the following ORDERS:

12. Pursuant to ORS 731.252(1), the Director hereby ORDERS Respondent to CEASE AND DESIST from violating any provision of the Insurance Code, or any administrative rule adopted by the Director under those statutes.

13. Pursuant to ORS 744.074(1)(b), the Director hereby SUSPENDS Respondent's Oregon non-resident insurance producer license until a verdict is entered in the criminal prosecution pending against him and all opportunities to appeal said verdict have been exhausted. During the suspension, Respondent shall be required to renew his license as necessary and continue meeting all other obligations to maintain its status including, but not limited to, any continued education requirements and payment of licensing fees.

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14. This Order is a "Final Order" under ORS 183.310(6)(b). Subject to that provision, the entry of this Order does not limit other remedies that are available to the Director under Oregon law.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 27th day of June 2024.

Andrew R. Stolfi, Director
Department of Consumer and Business Services

/s/ Dorothy Bean
Dorothy Bean, Chief of Enforcement
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CONSENT TO ENTRY OF ORDER

I, Douglas A. Eze, state that I have read the foregoing order and I know and fully understand the contents hereof. I have been advised of the right to a hearing and of the right to be represented by counsel in this matter. I desire to resolve and settle this matter with the Director. I voluntarily, without any force or duress, consent to the entry of this order, expressly waiving any right to a hearing in this matter. I understand that the Director reserves the right to take further actions to enforce this order or to take appropriate actions upon the discovery of other violations of the Oregon Insurance Code or laws regulated under the Division's statutory authority, and I will fully comply with the terms and conditions stated herein.

I further understand that this consent order is a public document.

Dated this 26th day of June 2024.

/s/ Douglas A. Eze
Douglas A. Eze

State of Maryland

County of Prince Georges

Signed or attested before me on this 26th day of June, 2024

By Rochita Jordan.

/s/ Rochita Jordan
Notary Public

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