

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER
OF INSURANCE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSURE OF
NICHOLAS DAWSON
LICENSE NO. 1830871**

**VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

NOW COME, Nicholas Dawson (hereinafter "Mr. Dawson") and the Bail Bonds Regulatory Division of the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "BBRD"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement"):

WHEREAS, the BBRD has the authority and responsibility for regulating and licensing bail bondsmen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson is currently licensed by the BBRD as a surety bail bondsman; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7), the Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license under Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for failure to comply with or violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the N.C. General Statutes or of any order, rule, or regulation of the Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-69(c) provides that if a licensee is convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction for any crime or offense other than a motor vehicle infraction, the licensee shall notify the Commissioner in writing of the conviction within 10 days after the date of the conviction, which includes an adjudication of guilt, a plea of guilty, or a plea of *nolo contendere*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson was charged with a violation of "DWLR Impaired Rev" in Moore County, N.C. on June 28, 2023 and was tried on April 12, 2024 (23CR453). Mr. Dawson was convicted and given a Prayer for Judgment (PJC) for the offense, which is required to be

reported as set forth in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-69(c); and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson did not report his April 12, 2024 PJC within 10 days after the date of the "conviction" as required by N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-69(c), and is therefore in violation thereof; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson's violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-69(c) demonstrates a failure to comply with and/or violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for which Mr. Dawson's surety bail bondsman's license could be suspended or revoked; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of an administrative hearing on the matters stated herein, Mr. Dawson has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matter referenced in this Agreement, and the BBRD has agreed not to pursue additional civil ramifications; including penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Mr. Dawson; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-70(g), the Commissioner of Insurance and the Department have the express authority to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement with any person as to the status of the person's license or certificate or as to any civil penalty or restitution; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dawson agreed on September 16, 2024 to execute a Voluntary Settlement Agreement and pay a fine in the amount of \$1000.00 as a condition to being licensed as a surety bail bondsman; and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, the Department and Mr. Dawson hereby agree to the following:

1. As set forth above, Mr. Dawson shall remit a **civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00** to the Department. The form of payment shall be in the form of a certified check, cashier's check, or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance." Mr. Dawson shall send the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested or delivered in person, to the BBRD simultaneously with the return of this Agreement, signed by Mr. Dawson. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the BBRD no later than **October 11, 2024**. The civil penalty shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of the public schools.
2. Mr. Dawson shall obey all laws and regulations applicable to all licenses issued to him.
3. Mr. Dawson enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with

knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Dawson understands that he may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.

4. This Agreement does not in any way affect the BBRD's disciplinary power in any future follow-up examinations of Mr. Dawson, or in any other cases or complaints involving Mr. Dawson.
5. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Dawson understands that N. C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7) provides that a surety bail bondsman's license may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.
6. This Voluntary Settlement Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and is not confidential. All licenses issued by the BBRD to the licensee shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against the licensee following the execution of this Agreement. The BBRD is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement to third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure.
7. This Settlement Agreement shall become effective when signed by Mr. Dawson and the BBRD.

**N.C. Department of Insurance
Bail Bonds Regulatory Division**



By: Nicholas Dawson
License No. 1830871



By: Marty Sumner
Senior Deputy Commissioner

Date: 10/11/2024

Date: 10/21/2024