

**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 COURTNEY D. WILLIAMS
LICENSE NO. 16019118**

**VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT**

NOW COME, Courtney D. Williams (hereinafter "Mr. Williams") 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, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-40 (a) and (b) provide that no person shall act in the capacity of a surety bondsman unless qualified and licensed, and the Commissioner may propound any reasonable interrogatories about the applicant's qualifications and any other matters the Commissioner considers necessary to protect the public and ascertain the qualifications of the applicant and conduct a reasonable inquiry or investigation relative to the determination of the applicant's fitness to be licensed or to continue to be licenses; and

WHEREAS, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a) (3) provides that the Commissioner may deny, place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew a license for a material misstatement, misrepresentation, or fraud in obtaining the license; 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, Mr. Williams answered "No" on March 27, 2024 to Question 1a. on the Supplemental Questions for all license applications (New or Renewal): "Have you ever been

convicted of any crime or offense other than a motor vehicle infraction, including any prayer for judgment ("PJC") which has not been previously reported to DOI?"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams pled guilty to the charge of "Discharge Firearm in City" and one count of "Injury to Personal Property" (consolidated) in Guilford County, N.C. (14CR66530), and was convicted of that charge on July 15, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams pled guilty to the charge of "Possess Marijuana Up to ½ oz. in Wake County, N.C. (14CR737088), and was convicted of that charge on September 03, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams's material misstatements on his application for licensure constitutes a violation of the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a) (3) and 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. Williams's application for a surety bail bondsman's license could be denied; and

WHEREAS, in lieu of an administrative hearing on the matters stated herein, Mr. Williams 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. Williams; 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. Williams agreed on June 27, 2024 to execute a Voluntary Settlement Agreement and pay a fine in the amount of \$500.00 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. Williams hereby agree to the following:

1. As set forth above, Mr. Williams shall remit a **civil penalty in the amount of \$500.00** 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. Williams 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. Williams. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the BBRD no later than **August 12, 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. Williams shall obey all laws and regulations applicable to all licenses issued to him.
3. Mr. Williams enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of his right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Mr. Williams 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. Williams, or in any other cases or complaints involving Mr. Williams.
5. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Mr. Williams 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. Williams and the BBRD.

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


By: Courtney D. Williams
License No. 16019118


By: Marty Sumner
Senior Deputy Commissioner

Date: 7-15-24

Date: 7/18/24