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COMMISSIONER KING ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS

ATLANTA – In the first calendar quarter of 2020, the Georgia Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner's Office took administrative action against 24 licensees for grounds set forth in the Georgia Insurance Code (O.C.G.A. § 33-1-1 et seq.). These actions include two revocations, two suspensions, and the placement of 20 licensees on probationary status.

"When a consumer purchases an insurance policy, they are placing their trust – and in many cases their livelihood – in someone else," said Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner John F. King. "For this reason, insurance agents and agencies in Georgia should be held to the highest ethical standards and deserve to be relieved of their authority if they violate this important trust. Our Department will continue to investigate instances of misconduct and take appropriate action when necessary."

The actions taken by the Department are as follows:

REVOCATIONS

Kaitland Washburn, Resident Agent License No. 3121779

License revoked effective March 3, 2020 as a result of Washburn impersonating clients during phone interviews with life insurance companies.

Kelsie Whitlock, Resident Agent License No. 2798690

License revoked effective January 27, 2020 as a result of Whitlock using a client's banking information to pay her personal bills.

SUSPENSIONS

Barton Kinney Herndon, Resident Agent License No. 694278

License suspended effective January 2, 2020 as a result of his failure to respond to the Department's request for documentation regarding regulatory action taken against him.

Kevin Lee Miles, Resident Agent License No. 784788

License suspended effective March 12, 2020 as a result of his failure to respond to the Department's request for documentation regarding the existence of a pre-need funeral policy he sold.

PROBATION

Jonathan C. Becerra, Non-Resident Agent License No. 3247732 Eric Bunn, Resident Agent License No. 520094 Tiffany Driskell, Resident Agent License No. 3308328 Benjamin C. Hall, Non-Resident Adjuster License No. 3200485 Shiya DeAnna Hargrow, Resident Agent License No. 3310499 Elaine Marie Hood, Resident Agent License No. 3130531 Shelby Huddleston, Resident Agent License No. 3270855 William Lee Hudgens, Resident Agent License No. 724988 Lindsay M. Lippl, Non-Resident Agent License No. 3150022 Yhetta Lovelace, Resident Agent License No. 3303191 Jerry Eugene McClendon, Resident Agent License No. 3272237 Larry Antwain McElhaney, Resident Agent License No. 703327 Khanesia McHudson, Non-Resident Agent License No. 2923740 Darrin J. Mroz, Non-Resident Agent License No. 3071155 Jasmine Michelle Trammell, Resident Adjuster License No. 3258252 Gregory Marshall Turner, Temporary Agent License No. 3250550 Aubrey Edward Vaugh III, Resident Agent License No. 363936 Kelly Wasden Wake, Resident Agent License No. 3123944 Tamisha Wisdom, Resident Agent License No. 3298834 Talma Wuescher, Resident Agent License No. 3279528

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