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In the Matter of:) No. 8581
ELLIOTT MARK MALLON, and SECURE CHOICE & SOLUTIONS, INC.,) ORDER SUMMARILY SUSPENDING LICENSES AND NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING
Respondents.))

The Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") alleging below that Respondents have violated the provisions of A.R.S. Title 20, and the Director of Insurance ("Director") finding that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED summarily suspending Respondents' Arizona insurance licenses, effective immediately, pending the proceedings for revocation commenced this date.

DATED this <u>31st</u> day of <u>October</u>, 1994.

CHRIS HERSTAM

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Director of Insurance

Pursuant to Titles 20 and 41 of the Arizona Revised Statutes, Respondents are hereby notified that the Department alleges the following grounds to suspend, revoke or refuse to renew Respondents' insurance licenses, and that Respondents are entitled to request a hearing to contest said allegations. Such a request must be in writing and received at the following address within thirty (30) days from the date hereof:

Arizona Department of Insurance Hearing Division 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85018

Upon receipt of a timely written request for hearing, the Director will issue a statement setting the time and place of the hearing. If no timely written request for hearing is received, the Director will enter the following allegations as findings of fact and conclusions of law, and will order the revocation of Respondents' insurance licenses together with appropriate civil penalties and restitution as allowed by the law.

The Department alleges:

- 1. Respondent Elliott Mark Mallon ("Mallon") is presently, and was at all times material to this Notice, licensed as a resident life and disabilty insurance agent, holding license number 11747. That license expires June 30, 1995.
- 2. Respondent Secure Choice & Solutions, Inc.

 ("Secure Choice") is an Arizona corporation and is presently
 licensed as a life and disability insurance agency, holding
 license number 23043. Secure Choice was originally issued its
 license on May 13, 1994. That license expires May 31, 1995.
- 3. Mallon owns, operates, exercises control over and serves as president of Secure Choice and is designated in the license of Secure Choice as the authorized representative.

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- On or about July 29, 1993, Mallon entered into an 4. Enrollment Firm Contract with Security Life of Denver Insurance Company ("Security Life") to solicit applications and provide enrollment services, on cases pre-approved by Security Life, for certain payroll deduction products.
- 5. On or about May 10, 1994, Secure Choice entered into an Enrollment Firm Contract with Security Life.
- On or about July 30, 1993, MicroAge Computer Centers, Inc. ("MicroAge") appointed Mallon agent of record to solicit and enroll employees of MicroAge in various types of insurance programs which could be paid for through payroll deduction.
- Security Life provided Mallon with a list of The list included each employee's name, address, social security number, approximate annual salary and birth date, but did not include the employees' state of birth or the name of their primary beneficiary.
- Applications were to be made on prescribed forms and were to be transmitted by Mallon to Vision Financial Corporation ("Vision"), the authorized third party administrator for Security Life.
- On or about April 6, 1994, Stuart M. Olson, Jr. 9. ("Olson") met with Mallon to purchase a \$100,000 Security Life term life insurance policy for himself and a \$30,000 Security Life term life insurance policy for his wife, Christine Olson.

- 10. On that same date, Olson signed a Payroll Deduction Authorization for payment of the Security Life term life insurance policies to be made through payroll deduction in the amount of \$67.60 per month. Payroll deduction began on April 15, 1994.
- 11. On or about July 11, 1994, Olson received notice from Security Life, through Vision, that his policy was being cancelled due to nonpayment of premium.
- 12. Olson contacted Vision and was informed that the policy being cancelled was not one of the policies he had purchased on April 6, 1994, but instead was a Universal Life Insurance Policy ("Universal Life policy") purportedly purchased on January 16, 1994.
- 13. On or about July 15, 1994, Vision faxed Olson copies of the January 16, 1994 Security Life application and Payroll Deduction Authorization.
- 14. After reviewing the documents, Olson notified Security Life that he never purchased a Universal Life policy through Security Life, that the signatures on the January 16, 1994 application and Payroll Deduction Authorization were not his signatures and that his place of birth and his spouses name, listed as primary beneficiary, were incorrect on the application.
- 15. Subsequently, MicroAge searched for applications submitted to Security Life on behalf of MicroAge employees by Mallon which contained incorrect information as to place of

birth and spouses name. MicroAge found 26 policies containing spouses names which were inconsistent with employee records.

16. A Department Investigator requested and received six Security Life applications from Vision which had been signed and submitted by Mallon on behalf of MicroAge employees. The applications requested are as follows:

Cheryl Anderson	policy #048702153	. ^
Stuart Olson Jr.	policy #048702193	0
Michael Perazzo	policy #048701991	. 6
Jeff Clemmer	policy #048701991	/
Kandi Egan	policy #048702153	0
Terry Enriquez	policy #048701558	4
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- 17. Upon receipt of the applications, a Department Investigator individually interviewed the six persons named above. Each was shown an application which had been submitted to Vision by Mallon purportedly authorized and signed by the person named on the application. None of the six had authorized Mallon to submit the application on their behalf, nor were the signature affixed to the application their signatures and each application contained an incorrect place of birth and spouses name.
- 18. Pursuant to his Enrollment Firm Contract with Security Life, Mallon received advance payments of commission from the applications referenced above as follows:

Cheryl Anderson	\$288.48
Stuart Olson Jr.	\$299.47
Michael Perazzo	\$495.50
Jeff Clemmer	\$228.48
Kandi Egan	\$142.80
Terry Enriquez	\$180.82

Total

\$1,635.55

19. On or about August 1, 1994, Security Life cancelled Mallon's and Secure Choice's Enrollment Firm Contracts.

VIOLATIONS

- 20. Mallon's conduct described above constitutes a record of dishonesty in business or financial matters under A.R.S. \S 20-290(B)(2).
- 21. Mallon's conduct described above constitutes the existence of any cause for which original issuance or any renewal of an insurance license could have been refused such that Mallon's license may be suspended or revoked under A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(1), together with 20-290(B)(2).
- 22. Mallon's conduct described above constitutes a wilful violation of, or wilful noncompliance with, any provision of A.R.S. Title 20 or any lawful rule, regulation or order of the Director, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(2).
- 23. Petitioner's conduct alleged above constitutes misappropriation or conversion to his own use or illegal withholding of monies belonging to policyholders, insurers, beneficiaries or others and received in or during the conduct of business under the license or through its use, in violation of A.R.S. \S 20-316(A)(4).
- 24. Mallon's conduct described above constitutes a conduct of affairs under his license showing him to be incompetent or a source of injury and loss to the public or any

insurer, in violation of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(7).

- 25. The license of Secure Choice may be suspended, revoked or refused also for any of such causes as relate to any individual designated in the license to exercise its powers pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-316(B).
- 26. The conduct described above constitutes unfair and deceptive trade practices within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-442.
- 27. The conduct described above constitutes misrepresentation in the sale of insurance within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-443.
- 28. Based upon the conduct described above, and pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1064(C), the public health, safety and welfare imperatively requires emergency action in the form of the summary suspension of Respondents' Arizona insurance licenses, effective immediately, pending the proceedings for revocation commenced this date.

WHEREFORE, if after hearing, the Director makes a finding of one or more of the above-described violations, he may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew the Respondents' insurance licenses, impose a civil penalty and may order restitution, pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 20-316(A), 20-316(B) and 20-316(C).

FURTHER, if after hearing, the Director finds that Respondents violated the provisions of A.R.S. §§ 20-442 and 20-443, she may enter an Order of Cease and Desist against Respondents and to impose a civil penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each act or violation but not to exceed an aggregate penalty

of \$10,000 dollars unless the person intentionally violates an act or practice, in which case the Director may impose a civil penalty of up to \$5,000 for each act or violation but not to exceed an aggregate penalty of \$50,000 in any six month period, pursuant to A.R.S. \$20-456(A)\$ and 20-456(B).

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-150, the Director herewith delegates all of her authority, powers, duties and functions, whether ministerial or discretionary, with which he is vested as Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona, whether implied or expressed, to GREGORY Y. HARRIS for the purpose of acting as hearing officer in this matter. This delegation of authority shall continue until specifically revoked.

DATED at Phoenix, Arizona, this <u>31st</u> day of <u>October</u>, 1994.

CHRIS HERSTAM, Director

Arizona Department of Insurance

COPY of the foregoing mailed this 31st day of October, 1994, to:

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