STATE OF ARIZONA

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## DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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SILVA, JENNA JOLENE

(Arizona License Number 1069483) (National Producer Number 17191164)

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In the Matter of:

No. 16A-/3/-INS

CONSENT ORDER

Respondent.

The State of Arizona Department of Insurance ("Department") has received evidence that **Jenna Jolene Silva** violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admits the following Findings of Fact are true and consents to entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Jenna Jolene Silva ("Silva" or "Respondent") was, at all material times, licensed as an Arizona resident personal lines (property and casualty) producer, Arizona license number 1069483, which expires on March 31, 2017.
- 2. Respondent's address of record is: 13127 North 91st Lane, Peoria, Arizona 85381-8223 (business and mailing).

# Lovitt & Touché, Inc. Complaint

3. From December 10, 2012 to March 18, 2016, insurance agency Lovitt & Touché, Inc. ("L&T") employed Silva. For approximately one (1) year, Silva held the position of Certificate Administrator. L&T subsequently promoted Silva in November 2013 to an Account

Manager in the Personal Lines Department where she interacted with clients, carriers, and client/carrier finances.

- 4. On or about March 15, 2016, L&T clients Stacy and Susan Litvak (the "Litvaks") contacted L&T to report that they had received a bill from their carrier, MetLife, for \$283.49; the amount represented a discounted monthly premium payment of \$233.49 and a \$50.00 penalty for non-sufficient funds in the clients' account. The Litvaks advised L&T that they "expressly rejected" monthly electronic fund transfer ("EFT") payments when offered in lieu of paying an annual premium.
- 5. L&T conducted an internal investigation and found that Silva fraudulently completed and submitted MetLife's "Electronic Payment Authorization ExpressIT" form on January 27, 2016 for the Litvaks; the instruction immediately under the form's title reads, "Use this form to allow recurring monthly electronic withdrawals from your bank account."
- 6. Silva forged the Litvaks' signatures on the form and falsified their bank account number as well as falsified the bank's routing number. In addition, Silva checked three (3) boxes/options on the form, specifically: to start a new monthly electronic payment plan; to process the payment on the first day of each month; and to include the clients' home policy in the authorization.
- 7. L&T provided a document to the Department that was written and signed by Silva in which she wrote in part, "I Jenna did fill out the EFT for [sic] w/banking information that was not the clients & submitted to MetLife w/out clients' signature or knowledge."
- 8. L&T terminated Silva's employment and paid MetLife the total billed amount of \$283.49 to insure that the Litvaks did not incur a loss; however, Silva has not compensated L&T for their loss.

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# IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

Respondent's resident license (Arizona license no. 1069483) is suspended for 1. ninety (90) days immediately upon entry of this Order.

ORDER

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 21 ST day of October, 2016.

Interim Director of Insurance

## **CONSENT TO ORDER**

- Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and 1. Order.
- Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Interim Director of Insurance, State of 2. Arizona, and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consents to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Respondent is aware of her right to notice and to a hearing, at which she may be represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses. Respondent irrevocably waives her right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent Order.
- Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as 4. expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to her to induce her to enter into this Consent Order and that she has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.

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Peoria, Arizona 85381-8223 Respondent

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