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STATE OF ARIZONA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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BY JLS

In the Matter of:

HIGHTOWER, CHARLES MATTHEW
(Arizona License Number 1111994)
(National Producer Number 17598441)

Respondent.

No. 16A-150-INS

**ORDER SUMMARILY SUSPENDING
BAIL BOND AGENT LICENSE AND
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR
HEARING**

The Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Department") alleges that **Charles Matthew Hightower** has violated provisions of Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S."), Title 20. In light of the serious nature of these allegations, the Interim Director of Insurance for the State of Arizona ("Interim Director") finds that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action, within the meaning of A.R.S. §41-1092.11(B).

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Charles Matthew Hightower ("Respondent") is licensed as a resident bail bond agent, Arizona license number 1111994, which expires on May 31, 2019.
2. Respondent's addresses of record are: 2327 W. Augusta Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85021 (business) and c/o Ayala Bail Bonds, LLC, 3350 W. Glendale Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85023 (mailing).
3. On April 7, 2016, the insurer holding Respondent's surety bond notified the Department that Respondent's bail agent bond was to be cancelled, effective as of May 19, 2016.

1 4. On July 25, 2016, the Department notified Respondent that the surety holding
2 Respondent's bond had cancelled the bond effective May 19, 2016.

3 5. To date, Respondent has failed to replace the cancelled surety bond.

4 6. Therefore, as of May 19, 2016, Respondent has not maintained a bond in favor
5 of this State executed by a surety insurer authorized to do business in this State.

6 7. The public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action.

7 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

8 1. The Interim Director has jurisdiction.

9 2. Respondent's conduct constitutes a violation of the requirement that each bail
10 bond agent maintain in force while license a bond in favor of this State executed by a surety
11 insurer authorized to do business in this State, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-340.02.


12 3. Grounds exist to order a summary suspension within the meaning of A.R.S. §
13 41-1092.11(B).

14 **ORDER**

15 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

16 1. Respondent's bail bond agent license, Arizona license number 1111994, is
17 summarily suspended effective immediately.

18 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 28th day of November, 2016.

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20 Leslie R. Hess
21 Interim Director of Insurance

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1 **COPY** sent same date via electronic mail to:

2 Charles Matthew Hightower
3 Matthightower208@gmail.com

4 Respondent

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