

## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE & INSURANCE**

P.O. Box 690, Jefferson City, Mo. 65102-0690

IN RE: MERIBETH ELLEN DOMINIQUE 2000 E BROADWAY #198 COLUMBIA, MO 65201 TRACKING ID: 401834E

## **VOLUNTARY FORFEITURE AGREEMENT**

It is hereby agreed by Meribeth Ellen Dominique and the Division of Consumer Affairs ("Division") of the Department of Commerce and Insurance, as follows:

WHEREAS, Chlora Lindley-Myers, is the duly appointed Director of the Department of Commerce and Insurance, State of Missouri (hereinafter, "Director" of the "Department"), whose duties, pursuant to Chapters 374 and 375, RSMo, include the supervision and regulation of the business of bail bonds;

WHEREAS, the Division is charged with investigating producers and companies engaged in the business of insurance pursuant to Sections 374.085 and 374.190, RSMo and is authorized by the Director to recommend enforcement action under the laws relating to bail bonds;

WHEREAS, Meribeth Ellen Dominique ("Dominique") is a general bail bond agent

licensee with the Department, pursuant to Chapter 374, RSMo;

WHEREAS, the Division has received information concerning Dominique's failure to file the sworn affidavits with the Department in violation of Section 374.760 RSMo, and subjects Dominique to enforcement action by the Director;

WHEREAS, Dominique has been informed of her right to counsel and of her right to contest any attempt by the Department to discipline her bail bond license, and states that she understands her rights to contest any such actions;

AND WHEREAS, Dominique acknowledges and admits for purposes of this Agreement and for purposes of any future action by the Director or the Division based on an additional violation of the insurance laws or regulations by Dominique, in which action the Director or the Division alleges that the violations described herein form part of a course of conduct, a business practice, or other such series of similar violations, or that future violations by Dominique are committed knowingly, intentionally or in conscious disregard of the law, that she failed to file the sworn monthly affidavits with the Department in violation of Section 374.760 RSMo;

NOW, THEREFORE, in lieu of any recommendation or initiation by the Division of any action based on the violation cited in this Agreement, and after being afforded the opportunity to consult legal counsel, Dominique does hereby voluntarily and knowingly surrender and forfeit the sum of six hundred dollars (\$600.00), such sum to be paid into the State School Moneys Fund pursuant to Sections 374.046 and 374.280, RSMo.

Dominique shall submit this sum to the Department by cashier's check or money order made payable to the State School Moneys Fund no later than September 7, 2022.

The parties agree that, should the Director or the Division in the future allege an additional violation of the insurance laws or regulations by Dominique, nothing in this Agreement shall

preclude the Director or the Division from introducing Dominique's admissions contained in this Agreement as evidence that the acts described herein form part of a course of conduct, a business practice, or other such series of similar violations, or for purposes of showing that such later alleged acts are committed knowingly, intentionally or in conscious disregard of the law.

DATED: 9/02/22

Meribeth Ellen Dominique General Bail Bond Agent NPN 26365

DATED: 9/8/22

Carrie Couch, Director
Division of Consumer Affairs

DATED: 9/9/2022

Chlora Lindley-Myers, Director
Department of Commerce and Insurance

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