

STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND FINANCIAL REGULATION  
BUREAU OF INSURANCE

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*In re:*

**Trenton Black**

**National Producer No. 16178460**  
**Maine License No. PRN188517**  
**Docket No. INS-15-234**

**CONSENT AGREEMENT  
AND ORDER**

Trenton Black, a licensed Maine non-resident insurance producer, the Maine Superintendent of Insurance (“the Superintendent”), and the Office of the Maine Attorney General (“Attorney General”) hereby enter into this Consent Agreement pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(B) to resolve, without an adjudicatory proceeding, a violation of the Maine Insurance Code for which the Superintendent may impose discipline pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. §§ 1417 and 1420-K.

**PARTIES**

1. The Superintendent of Insurance is the official charged with administering and enforcing Maine’s insurance laws and regulations, and the Bureau of Insurance (“Bureau”) is the administrative agency with such jurisdiction. The Superintendent has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 24-A M.R.S. §§ 12-A and 211 and 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(A-1).
2. Trenton Black is a resident of Tennessee, and he is licensed as a resident producer in that state. He has been licensed in Maine as a non-resident insurance producer with property and casualty authority since March 26, 2011. His Maine producer license number is PRN188517. His National Producer Number (“NPN”) is 16178460.

**STATUTORY AUTHORITY**

3. Under 24-A M.R.S. §§ 12-A and 1420-K and 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(A-1), the Superintendent may issue a warning, censure, or reprimand to a licensee; may suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew the license of a licensee; may impose conditions of probation on a licensee; may levy a civil penalty against a licensee; or may take any combination of such actions in response to the licensee’s violation of any insurance law, rule, regulation, subpoena, or order of the Superintendent.
4. Pursuant to 10 M.R.S. § 8003(5)(B), the Superintendent may resolve a complaint by entering into a tripartite consent agreement with a licensee and the Attorney General.
5. Title 24-M.R.S. § 1419 provides in part that within 30 days of an initial pretrial hearing date, a licensee shall report to the Superintendent any criminal prosecution of the licensee taken

in any jurisdiction. The report must include a copy of the initial complaint filed, the order resulting from the hearing, and any other relevant legal documents.

6. Title 24-A M.R.S. § 1419 further provides that a licensee shall report to the Superintendent any material change in the conditions or qualifications set forth in the licensee's original application for licensure no later than 30 days after the change. This requirement includes any conviction of a crime other than a traffic violation.

### **FACTS**

7. On September 10, 2013, Mr. Black was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance (marijuana) with intent to sell, deliver, or manufacture it and with a felony weapon charge (unlawful possession of a weapon at a marijuana growing operation).

8. On November 14, 2013, Mr. Black pled guilty to misdemeanor charges of controlled substance possession and weapon possession.

9. Mr. Black was sentenced to a one year suspended jail sentence, one year of supervised probation, and the payment of court costs.

10. As of August 2015, Mr. Black has completed all terms of his probation and paid the court costs.

11. On September 17, 2015, the insurance agency for whom Mr. Black is employed submitted documents to the Bureau related to charges to which Mr. Black pled guilty, including charging documents, court records, and Mr. Black's personal statement. Those documents were also uploaded to the NIPR warehouse.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

12. By failing to report the criminal prosecution for drug and weapon charges within 30 days, Mr. Black violated 24-A M.R.S. § 1419.

13. By failing to report the criminal convictions for the drug and weapon charges within 30 days of conviction, Mr. Black violated 24-A M.R.S. § 1419.

### **COVENANTS**

14. Mr. Black admits to the Facts and Conclusions of Law as stated in Paragraphs 7 through 13 above and admits that those Facts and Conclusions of Law constitute a basis for imposing discipline upon him.

15. Mr. Black agrees to the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00), which Mr. Black will forthwith remit to the Maine Bureau of Insurance with this signed agreement. Payment shall be by certified check or money order made out to "Treasurer, State of Maine."

16. Mr. Black will promptly report any matters to the Bureau of Insurance during all times that he is licensed by the Bureau, to the extent such reporting is required under the Maine Insurance Code and will comply in all other respects with the provisions of the Maine Insurance Code, as applicable.

17. Nothing in this Agreement shall affect the rights or interests of any person who is not a party to this Agreement.

18. In consideration of Mr. Black's execution of and compliance with the terms of this Consent Agreement, the Superintendent and Attorney General agree to forgo pursuing against Mr. Black any further disciplinary measures or other civil or administrative sanctions available under the Maine Insurance Code concerning the specific, admitted conduct described in this Consent Agreement. However, should Mr. Black violate any provision of this Consent Agreement, he may be subject to any available remedy for the violation. Further, the Superintendent may consider such violation evidence of a pattern of misconduct and impose sanctions accordingly.

19. Mr. Black acknowledges and agrees that, upon execution of this Consent Agreement, each of the Covenants herein shall constitute a final order of the Superintendent made after due notice of the opportunity for an adjudicatory hearing and that those Covenants are enforceable pursuant to 10. M.R.S. § 8005(5)(B) and 14 M.R.S. § 3138.

20. This Consent Agreement is not subject to appeal. Mr. Black waives any further hearings or appeals regarding the matters that are the subject of this Consent Agreement.

21. This Consent Agreement may be modified only by a written agreement executed by all of the parties hereto.

22. This Consent Agreement is a public record that is subject to the provisions of the Maine Freedom of Access Law, 1 M.R.S. §§ 401 through 410, and it will be available for public inspection and copying as provided for by 1 M.R.S. § 408-A.

23. This Consent Agreement is an adverse action that will be reported to the Regulatory Information Retrieval System database at the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

24. Mr. Black agrees that he has read this Consent Agreement, that he understands this Consent Agreement, that he has reviewed the statutory provisions set forth herein, that he has had an opportunity to consult counsel before signing this Consent Agreement, and that he enters into this Consent Agreement voluntarily and without coercion of any kind from any person.

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**SIGNATURES**

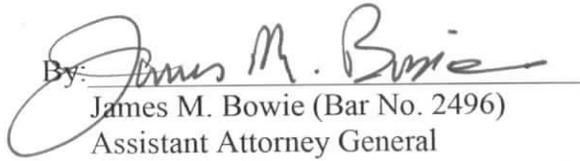
**TRENTON BLACK**

Dated: 11/05/15

By:   
Trenton Black

**THE OFFICE OF THE MAINE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL**

Dated: 11/16/15

By:   
James M. Bowie (Bar No. 2496)  
Assistant Attorney General

**THE MAINE SUPERINTENDENT OF  
INSURANCE**

Dated: 11/23/15

By:   
Eric A. Cioppa  
Superintendent of Insurance