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April 11, 2017

Frederick Monroe, Inmate No. 16A0730 Mid-State Correctional Facility P.O. Box 2500 Marcy, New York 13403

RE:

Frederick Monroe - Massachusetts License No. 1922547

SIU Investigation No. 9451

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

Dear Mr. Monroe:

I represent the Massachusetts Division of Insurance ("Division") with regard to the above-captioned investigation. Pursuant to an investigation conducted by the Division's Special Investigations Unit, the Division has cause to believe that you violated the Massachusetts insurance laws set forth below by the conduct detailed in this settlement letter.

This case was opened on April 4, 2017, after the Division learned that you had entered into an agreement with the New York State Department of Financial Services, whereby you agreed to surrender your New York resident insurance producer license. The administrative action was related to the four felony counts that you pled guilty to, on or about December 21, 2015. Specifically, you pled guilty to (1) First Degree Money Laundering; (2) Second Degree Larceny; (3) a Class E Felony; and (4) First Degree Scheme to Defraud. The charges stem from your role in the theft of approximately \$5 million from investors who were fraudulently induced to reinvest retirement monies. You did not report this matter to the Division. Additionally, as a result of the New York administrative action, you no longer hold a valid resident insurance producer license.

The conduct described above is evidence of the following violations:

M.G.L. c. 175, § 162R (a)(4)... [t]he commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew an insurance producer's license or may levy a civil penalty for ... improperly withholding, misappropriating or converting any monies or properties received in the course of doing business. Additionally, a violation is punishable by a fine up to one thousand dollars. M.G.L. c. 176D, § 7.

M.G.L. c. 175, § 162R (a)(6) . . . [t]he commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew an insurance producer's license or may levy a civil penalty for . . . having

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been convicted of a felony. Additionally, a violation is punishable by a fine up to one thousand dollars. M.G.L. c. 176D, § 7.

M.G.L. c. 175, § 162R (a)(7) . . . [t]he commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew an insurance producer's license or may levy a civil penalty for . . . having admitted or found to have committed any unfair insurance trade practice or fraud. Additionally, a violation is punishable by a fine up to one thousand dollars. M.G.L. c. 176D, § 7.

M.G.L. c. 175, § 162R (a)(8) ... [t]he commissioner may place on probation, suspend, revoke or refuse to issue or renew an insurance producer's license or may levy a civil penalty for ... using fraudulent, coercive or dishonest practices in the conduct of business. Additionally, a violation is punishable by a fine up to one thousand dollars. M.G.L. c. 176D, § 7.

M.G.L. c. 175, § 162N(a)(1) . . . [a] nonresident producer shall receive a nonresident producer license...if the person is currently licensed as a resident and is in good standing in his home state..."

The Division is authorized to issue an order requiring you to show cause as to why you should not be made to cease and desist from the above alleged conduct. If, after a public hearing, the Commissioner of Insurance finds that you did commit the alleged violations, he may impose a fine up to the amounts listed above and order that your Massachusetts Insurance Producer License be placed on probation, suspended or revoked.

The Division proposes to resolve this matter **without fines** through a Settlement Agreement if you agree to waive your right to a hearing and agree to the permanent revocation of your Massachusetts insurance producer license. If you choose to accept the Division's offer as set forth in the enclosed Settlement Agreement, please sign where provided and return to my attention by **May 2, 2017**.

Although this correspondence does not constitute the required statutory notice of a public hearing, if this matter is not resolved by **May 2, 2017**, the Division intends to file its Order to Show Cause and will notify you of the hearing date.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, I may be reached at (617) 521-7471 or Scott.Peary@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

Scott J. Peary Chief Enforcement Counsel

Enclosure



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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Insurance ("Division"), and Frederick Monroe ("Monroe") licensed as an insurance producer licensed under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Commonwealth") and with a current mailing address of: Mid-State Correctional Facility P.O. Box 2500 Marcy, New York 13403.

WHEREAS, Monroe was licensed by the Division as an insurance producer pursuant to M.G.L. c. 175, § 162H *et seq.*;

WHEREAS, an insurance producer licensed in the Commonwealth must uphold the standards in M.G.L. c. 175, § 162H et seq. and must comply with the Commonwealth's insurance laws, including without limitation, those set forth in M.G.L. c. 175 & M.G.L. c. 176D; the Code of Massachusetts Regulations; and any other regulatory requirements; each of which give the Commissioner of Insurance review, approval, and enforcement authority over licensees;

WHEREAS, the Division has conducted an investigation, Special Investigation Number 9451, and contends that the acts and conduct of Monroe as set forth in the Division's correspondence dated April 11, 2017, a copy of which is attached hereto, constitute grounds for revocation of Monroe's insurance license and the imposition of fines;

WHEREAS, Monroe is aware of his rights to notice and to an administrative hearing with respect to the alleged violations of Massachusetts insurance laws in these matters, and hereby waives those rights.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the covenants, warranties, representations, and agreements contained herein, it is mutually agreed as follows:

- 1. Monroe agrees to have his Massachusetts insurance producer license permanently revoked by the Division.
- 2. Monroe agrees to immediately cease and desist from the conduct outlined in the Division's April 11, 2017 correspondence, a copy of which is attached hereto.

- 3. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement, the failure of the Division at any time to require strict performance by Monroe of any terms, provisions, or conditions hereof shall in no way affect the right thereafter to enforce the same, nor shall the waiver by the Division of any breach of any of the terms, provisions, and conditions hereof be construed or deemed a waiver of any succeeding breach of any term, provision, or condition thereof.
- 4. From the effective date of this Agreement, Monroe is prohibited from soliciting, aiding in the placement, continuation, or negotiation of insurance policies or taking any action which may lead any person or entity to believe that he is authorized in the Commonwealth to engage in the business of insurance in any capacity, including without limitation, acting as a licensed insurance producer, special insurance broker, public adjuster, insurance advisor, viatical loan provider, viatical broker, viatical settlement broker or viatical settlement provider, or any other licensed insurance professional.
- 5. Within thirty (30) days from the effective date of this Agreement, Monroe shall dispose of any and all interest (direct and indirect) he may have, including without limitation, as proprietor, partner, stockholder, officer, director, employee, consultant, or independent contractor of any insurance related business interest that he may hold in the Commonwealth.
- 6. From the effective date of this Agreement, Monroe is prohibited from owning, managing, directing or being an employee, consultant or an independent contractor, partner, director or officer, paid or unpaid, of any insurance related business in the Commonwealth.
- 7. In the event that the Division finds that there has been a breach of any provision of this Agreement, the Division may, in its discretion, pursue any and all legal remedies permitted by the Massachusetts insurance laws as well as any other appropriate law of the Commonwealth.
- 8. The provisions of this Agreement may be amended, modified, or expanded solely in writing by joint consent of the Division and Monroe.

Frederick Monroe

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Insurance

Scott Peary

Chief Enforcement Counsel

Dated: April 11, 2017