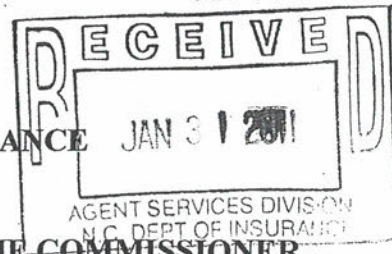


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**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER  
OF INSURANCE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE  
OF TINA S. MEEKINS  
LICENSE NO. 009750 965**

**VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT**

**NOW COME** Tina S. Meekins (hereinafter "Meekins") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance (hereinafter "Department"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement"):

**WHEREAS**, the Department has the authority and responsibility for enforcement of insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing bail bondsmen; and

**WHEREAS**, Meekins holds an active license as a surety bail bondsman issued by the Department; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-95(5) provides that collateral security or other indemnity required by the bondsman to be reasonable in relation to the amount of the bond and shall be returned within 72 hours after final termination of liability on the bond; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7), the Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license under Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for failure to comply with or violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes or of any order, rule or regulation of the Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, a Department investigation revealed that Meekins charged Lytena Phillips \$225.00, of which \$150.00 was collateral security with respect to a \$500.00 bond, and did not return said collateral security within 72 hours after final termination of liability on the bond; and

**WHEREAS**, Meekins admits to the violation set out herein; and

**WHEREAS**, Meekins' violation of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-95(5) demonstrates a failure to comply with and/or a violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for which Meekins' surety bondsman license could be revoked, suspended or not renewed pursuant to N.C. Gen Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7); and

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of an administrative hearing on the matters stated herein, Meekins

has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement, and the Department has agreed not to pursue additional penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Meekins; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-70(g), the Commissioner of Insurance and the Department have the express authority to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement with any person as to the status of the person's license or certificate or as to any civil penalty or restitution; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, the Department and Meekins hereby agree to the following:

1. Immediately upon her signing of this document, Meekins shall pay a **civil penalty of \$250.00** to the Department. The form of payment shall be in a certified check, cashiers check or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance." Meekins shall send the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Department simultaneously with the return of this Agreement, signed by Meekins. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the Department no later than **November 4, 2010**. The civil penalty shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of the public schools.

2. Meekins shall obey all laws and regulations applicable to all licenses issued to her.

3. Meekins enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of her right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Meekins understands that she may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.

4. This Agreement does not in any way affect the Department's disciplinary power in any future follow-up examinations of Meekins, or in any other cases or complaints involving Meekins.

5. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Meekins understands that N. C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7) provides that a surety bondsman's license may be revoked for violating an Order of the Commissioner.

6. This Voluntary Settlement Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and is not confidential. Any and all licenses issued by the Department to the licensee shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against the licensee following the execution of this Agreement. The Department is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement to third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The Department

routinely provides copies of voluntary settlement agreements to all companies that have appointed the licensee.

7. This Settlement Agreement shall become effective when signed by Meekins and the Department.

This the 1 day of Nov, 2010.

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Tina S. Meekins  
License No. 0009750965

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North Carolina Department of Insurance

By: [Redacted signature] 2/8/11

Angela Ford  
Senior Deputy Commissioner