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# STATE OF ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

In the Matter of:

No. 20A- 073 -INS

**CONSENT ORDER** 

COWART, JAMES BARRINGTON JR (National Producer No. 6737423)

Respondent

The Arizona Department of Insurance and Financial Institutions ("Department") has received evidence that **James Barrington Cowart Jr ("Cowart" or "Respondent")** violated provisions of Title 20, Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S"). Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without the commencement of formal proceedings, and admit the following Finding of Fact are true, and consent to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Cowart is, and was at all material times, licensed as an Arizona resident insurance producer with five lines of authority: Property, Casualty, Accident and Health or Sickness, Variable Life and Variable Annuity, and Life. His license, number 6737423, was last renewed on November 1, 2016, and it is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2020.
- 2. Cowart's business and mailing address of record with the Department is: C/O Barrington Financial, 2562 East Villa Rita Drive, Phoenix, Arizona, 85032. Cowart's business e-mail address of record with the Department is <a href="mailto:jcowart16@gmail.com">jcowart16@gmail.com</a>.

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# Failure to Report

- 1. On September 14, 2020, the Arizona Department of Economic Security placed Cowart on Arizona's Adult Protective Services Registry<sup>1</sup> ("APS"), pursuant to A.R.S. § 46-459.
- 2. Through an administrative process, the Arizona Department of Economic Security ("AZDES") found that Cowart improperly used a vulnerable adult's resources for the profit or advantage of persons other than the vulnerable adult.
- 3. AZDES found that Cowart, while acting as the vulnerable adult's agent under a power of attorney, made cash withdrawals and debit purchases without the vulnerable adult's consent.
- 4. Cowart failed to notify the Director of this administrative action within thirty (30) days after final disposition of this matter.
- 5. On or about October 20, 2020, the Department conducted a virtual conference with Cowart. During this conference, Cowart confirmed that he failed to notify the Department of the administrative action that resulted in his placement on APS Registry.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. The Director has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes a violation of Title 20 or any rule, subpoena or order of the Director, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(A)(2).
- 3. Respondent's conduct, as described above, constitutes failure to notify the Director within thirty days of any administrative actions taken against the producer in

https://hsapps.azdhs.gov/ls/sod/SearchAPS.aspx?type=APS (last visited October 29,2020)

1 another jurisdiction, a violation of A.R.S. § 20-301(A). 2 4. Grounds exist for the Director to suspend for not more than twelve months or 3 revoke Respondent's insurance producer license, pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-295(A). 4 5. Grounds exist, in addition to or instead of any suspension or revocation, for the 5 Director to impose a civil penalty of not more than \$250.00 for each unintentional failure or 6 violation up to an aggregate civil penalty of \$2,500.00, or impose a civil penalty of not more 7 than \$2,500.00 for each intentional failure or violation, up to an aggregate civil penalty of 8 \$15,000.00, within the meaning of A.R.S. § 20-295(F). 9 **ORDER** IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT: 10 James Barrington Cowart Jr shall immediately pay a civil penalty of two hundred 11 12 fifty dollars (\$250.00) for deposit into the state general fund. Effective this 23rd day of November 13 Evan Il Dami 14 15 Evan G. Daniels, Director Arizona Department of Insurance and 16 Financial Institutions 17 18 **CONSENT TO ORDER** Respondent has reviewed the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law 19 1. and Order. 20 21

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- 2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance and admits the foregoing Findings of Fact and consents to the entry of the foregoing Conclusions of Law and Order.
- 3. Respondent is aware of his right to notice and to a hearing, at which he may be represented by counsel, present evidence and examine witnesses.
- 4. Respondent irrevocably waives his right to such notice and hearing and to any court appeals relating to this Consent Order.
- 5. Respondent states that no promise of any kind or nature whatsoever, except as expressly contained in this Consent Order, was made to induce him to enter into this Consent Order and that he has entered into this Consent Order voluntarily.
- 6. Respondent acknowledges that the acceptance of this Consent Order by the Director is solely to settle this matter against him and does not preclude any other agency, officer, or subdivision of this state including the Department from instituting civil or criminal proceedings as may be appropriate now or in the future not related to this matter.
- 7. Respondent acknowledges that this Consent Order is an administrative action that the Department will report to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC). Respondent further acknowledge that he must report this administrative action to any and all states in which he holds an insurance license and must disclose this administrative action on any license application.

James Barrington

(NPN License No. 6737423)

1	COPY of the foregoing delivered by E-mail
2	this <u>24th</u> day of <u>November</u> ,2020, to:
	James Barrington Cowart Jr
3	C/O Barrington Financial 2562 East Villa Rita Drive
4	Phoenix, AZ 85032
5	jcowart16@gmail.com   Respondent
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