

STATE OF INDIANA)
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 COUNTY OF MARION)
 IN THE MATTER OF:)
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 Kami Lorraine Merkley)
 300 E Morton St.)
 Winslow, IN 47598)
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 Applicant.)
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 Type of Agency Action: Enforcement)
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 Application Number: 1165842)

BEFORE THE INDIANA
 COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE
 CAUSE NO.: 23692-AD24-1029-045

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 STATE OF INDIANA
 DEPT. OF INSURANCE

PRELIMINARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER
AND NOTICE OF LICENSE DENIAL

The Indiana Department of Insurance (“Department”), pursuant to the Indiana Administrative Orders and Procedures Act, Indiana Code § 4-21.5-1 *et seq.*, and Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12, hereby gives notice to Kami Lorraine Merkley (“Applicant”) of the following Administrative Order:

1. Applicant submitted an application for resident producer licensure with the Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Insurance (“Commissioner”) on August 12, 2024.
2. Before approving an application, the Commissioner must find that the applicant has met specific requirements under Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-6 and Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12.
3. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(6) states, in part, the Commissioner may refuse to issue an insurance producer license for having been convicted of a felony.
4. Following a review of public records and the materials submitted by Applicant, the Commissioner, being fully advised, now hereby notifies Applicant that Applicant has not

fully met the requirements of licensure, as stated by Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(b)(6) due to the following felony convictions:

- a. A May 8, 2013, conviction for OVWI with a Prior Conviction, a D Felony, in Dubois County, Indiana, under Cause Number 19D01-1206-FD-000545;
 - b. An August 19, 2013, conviction for Failure to Return to Lawful Detention, a D Felony, in Dubois County, Indiana, under Cause Number 19C01-1306-FD-000513; and
 - c. A May 31, 2017, conviction for Criminal Confinement while Armed with a Deadly Weapon, a Level 3 Felony, in Pike County, Indiana, under Cause Number 63C01-1703-F3-000174.
5. Indiana Code § 27-1-15.6-12(d) provides that the applicant may, not more than sixty-three (63) days after notice of denial of the applicant's application is mailed, make written demand to the Commissioner for a hearing before the Commissioner to determine the reasonableness of the Commissioner's action.
6. This is considered an agency action by the Indiana Department of Insurance. If you choose to appeal this administrative action, please follow the aforementioned instructions. Subsequently, after the Department has received your written request for a hearing, the State of Indiana Office of Administrative Law Proceedings ("OALP") will assign an administrative law judge to preside over this matter, and you will receive more information from OALP to begin the administrative process.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Applicant's request for licensure is hereby **DENIED** due to Applicant having been convicted of a felony. Applicant may reapply for licensure not less than one (1) year from the date of this order.

12.03.2024

Date Signed



Holly W. Lambert, Commissioner
Indiana Department of Insurance

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