

No. **2026-10024**

**Official Order
of the
Texas Commissioner of Insurance**

Date: 07/14/2026

Subject Considered:

Tristian McDaniel
Grand Prairie, Texas

Default Order
TDI Enforcement File No. 37391

General remarks and official action taken:

The subject of this default order is whether a life agent license should be issued to Tristian McDaniel (Respondent). Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Allegations mailed by the Texas Department of Insurance. This order denies Respondent's license application.

The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

Findings of Fact

Failure to Respond to Notice of Allegations

1. On May 21, 2026, the department sent a Notice of Allegations, attached as Exhibit A, to Respondent.
2. The department sent the Notice of Allegations to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, [REDACTED], Grand Prairie, Texas 75054. The department also sent the Notice of Allegations to Respondent's electronic mail address he last designated for receipt of official department communications, [REDACTED].
3. The department gave Respondent notice and opportunity for a hearing, which Respondent waived by failing to send a written response to the Notice of Allegations within 20 days after the date it was mailed.

4. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Allegations are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.

Conclusions of Law

1. The commissioner has jurisdiction over this matter under TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051–82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4054.301; TEX. OCC. CODE §§ 53.021–53.023; 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502; and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.003(1) and 2001.051–2001.178.
2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally under TEX. GOV'T CODE § 2001.056; TEX. INS. CODE § 82.055; and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.47.
3. The department provided proper notice to Respondent under TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.003(1), 2001.051, 2001.052, 2001.054, and 2001.056(4), and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.1302, 1.28, 1.47, and 19.906.
4. Based on Respondent's failure to send the department a written response to the Notice of Allegations, the department is entitled to disposition by default under 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.47.
5. Respondent failed to show compliance with the law.
6. The department's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Allegations are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true under 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.47.

Order

It is ordered that Tristian McDaniel's application is denied. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

Signed by:

Amanda Crawford

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Amanda Crawford
Commissioner of Insurance

Prepared and reviewed by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Joseph Halbert", is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joseph Halbert, Staff Attorney
Enforcement

Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Daniel Mireles, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Daniel Mireles and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Tristian McDaniel. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Tristian McDaniel is [REDACTED], Grand Prairie, Texas 75054.
- b. The file maintained by Enforcement contains a Notice of Allegations dated May 21, 2026, which was sent to Tristian McDaniel.
- c. On May 21, 2026, the Notice of Allegations addressed to Tristian McDaniel was mailed first-class and certified, return receipt requested, to his last known address and his electronic mail address, [REDACTED].

Copies of the first-class mail log and certified mail log maintained by Enforcement are attached as Exhibit B and Exhibit C, respectively."

Signed by:

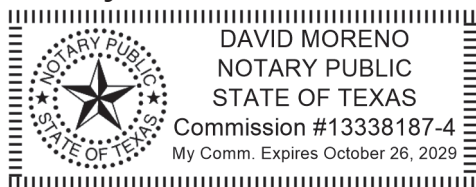
Daniel Mireles

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Affiant

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on 6/22/2026. This notarial act was an online notarization.

Notary Seal



Digital Certificate

Signed by:

David Moreno

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Notary Public State of Texas

2026-10024



PO Box 12030 | Austin, TX 78711 | 800-578-4677 | tdi.texas.gov

May 21, 2026

Tristian McDaniel



Grand Prairie, Texas 75054

Via CM/RRR No. 9214 8901 9403 8378 5874 57

Via First Class Mail



Via Email

TDI ENFORCEMENT CASE NO. 37391
NOTICE OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST TRISTIAN MCDANIEL

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) seeks to deny your license application. This Notice states the allegations against you and the relief sought by TDI.

YOUR WRITTEN RESPONSE IS REQUIRED WITHIN 20 DAYS

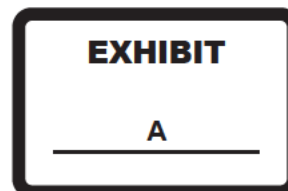
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO A HEARING AND ARE INVITED TO SHOW COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW. To request a hearing, you must send a written response to TDI within 20 days of the date this Notice was mailed.

If you fail to send a written response by the deadline, *you waive your right to a hearing*, and TDI may seek disposition by default under 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.47, TEX. INS. CODE § 82.055, and TEX. GOV'T. CODE § 2001.056.

If you fail to send a written response by the deadline, without further notice to you, the commissioner of insurance may issue a default order that admits the factual matters asserted, deems all allegations as true, and orders the relief recommended in this Notice.

You must send your written response by mail, fax, or email to:

Joseph Halbert, Staff Attorney
Texas Department of Insurance
Enforcement, MC ENF
P.O. Box 12030
Austin, Texas 78711-2030
(512) 490-1020 (Fax)
joseph.halbert@tdi.texas.gov



Jurisdiction

The commissioner of insurance has jurisdiction over this matter under TEX. INS. CODE §§ 82.051–82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4054.301; TEX. OCC. CODE §§ 53.021–53.023; 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502; and TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.003(1) and 2001.051–2001.178.

Factual Allegations

License Application

1. On May 24, 2025, Tristian McDaniel (McDaniel), individual identification number 3128223, submitted an application to TDI for a life agent license.
2. On July 11, 2025, TDI proposed to deny McDaniel's application based on his criminal history. McDaniel appealed that decision and made a written request for hearing.

Criminal History

3. On February 18, 2010, McDaniel pleaded guilty to the felony offense of Burglary of Habitation in cause number F-0962520-S in the 282nd District Court of Dallas County, Texas. He was sentenced to five years deferred adjudication probation. However, on August 30, 2010, following his conviction for another offense, the Court adjudicated the felony offense and sentenced McDaniel to three years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), where he was subsequently incarcerated.
4. On August 30, 2010, McDaniel pleaded guilty to the felony offense of Delivery of a Controlled Substance to wit: Cocaine, in cause number F-1059205-S in the 282nd District Court of Dallas County, Texas. He was sentenced to one year confinement in TDCJ and was incarcerated.
5. On July 6, 2012, McDaniel pleaded guilty to the felony offense of Burglary of Habitation in cause number F-1241000-T in the 283rd District Court of Dallas County, Texas. He was sentenced to nine years confinement in TDCJ and was incarcerated. McDaniel maintains he completed parole in 2021.
6. On July 6, 2012, McDaniel pleaded guilty to the felony offense of Evading Arrest with Vehicle in cause number F-1241001-T in the 283rd District Court of Dallas

County, Texas. He was sentenced to nine years confinement in TDCJ and was incarcerated. McDaniel maintains he was released from TDCJ to parole in 2016 and completed parole in 2021.

7. On July 18, 2023, McDaniel pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor offense of Theft of Property Greater Than or Equal to \$750 but Less Than \$2,500, in cause number M202201064 in the 1st County Court at Law of Johnson County, Texas. He was sentenced to one year probation. However, on May 13, 2024, McDaniel's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to 13 days confinement in the Johnson County Law Enforcement Center and was credited for time served.
8. On July 30, 2024, McDaniel pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor offense of Obstructing Highway or Other Passageway in case number C-1-CR-24-400586 in the 7th County Court at Law of Travis County, Texas. He was sentenced to 10 days confinement in Travis County Jail and was credited for time served.

Legal Allegations

1. McDaniel committed acts for which a license may be denied under TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101, as contemplated by TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.102.
2. McDaniel has willfully violated an insurance law of this state, in violation of TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(1).
3. McDaniel has engaged in fraudulent or dishonest acts or practices, in violation of Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101(b)(5).
4. McDaniel has been convicted of a felony, in violation of TEX. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(8).
5. McDaniel committed offenses that directly relate to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation, as contemplated by 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.502(d)(1), (f)(1), (f)(3), (f)(4)(J), (f)(4)(K), and (f)(4)(T); and TEX. OCC. CODE §§ 53.021-53.023.
6. McDaniel committed offenses that TDI considers to be of such serious nature that they are of prime importance in determining fitness for licensure, as contemplated by 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.502(d)(1), (f)(3), (f)(4)(J), (f)(4)(K), and (f)(4)(T).
7. TDI guidelines and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(c)-(f), emphasize that TDI:

- a. considers it very important that applicants be honest, trustworthy, and reliable;
 - b. may refuse to issue an original license if TDI determines that the applicant has committed an offense that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation; and
 - c. considers the offenses of Burglary of Habitation, Theft of Property Greater Than or Equal to \$750 but Less Than \$2,500, and Delivery of a Controlled Substance to wit: Cocaine to be of such a serious nature that they are of prime importance when determining fitness for licensure. 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.502(d)(1), (f)(1), (f)(3), (f)(4)(J), (f)(4)(K), and (f)(4)(T).
8. McDaniel was convicted of a felony involving dishonesty and breach of trust, as specified in 18 U.S.C. § 1033 and requires written consent from the commissioner of insurance to engage or participate in the business of insurance.

Relief Sought

TDI seeks the following relief:

1. denial of your license application;
2. denial of consent to allow you to engage or participate in the business of insurance under 18 U.S.C. § 1033; and
3. imposition of any other just and appropriate relief to which TDI may be entitled to by law.

Respectfully,



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joseph.halbert@tdi.texas.gov

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Fraud and Enforcement Division, MC: ENF
Ginger Loeffler, Litigation Director, Enforcement, MC: ENF
Administrative Review, MC: CO-AAL

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joseph Halbert, certify that a true and correct copy of this *Notice of Allegations Against Tristian McDaniel* was sent by the following methods on this the 21st day of May 2026, to:

Tristian McDaniel

[REDACTED]

Grand Prairie, TX 75054

[REDACTED]

Respondent Pro Se

Via CM/RRR No. 9214 8901 9403 8378 5874 57

Via First Class Mail

Via Email



Joseph Halbert

Name and Address of Sender
 Texas Dept of Insurance
 Mail Code ENF
 1601 Congress Avenue, Suite 6.900
 Austin TX 78701
 Mary Ruiz, May 21, 2026

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 Tristan McDaniel
 Grand Prairie, TX 75054

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EXHIBIT

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Shipment Confirmation Acceptance Notice

A. Mailer Action

Note to Mailer: The labels and volume associated to this form online, **must** match the labeled packages being presented to the USPS® employee with this form.

Shipment Date: 05/21/2026

Shipped From:

Name: ENF M RUIZ

Address: 1601 CONGRESS AVENUE

City: AUSTIN

State: TX ZIP+4® 78701

Type of Mail	Volume
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Priority Mail®	
First-Class Package Service®	
Returns	
International*	
Other	1
Total	1

*Start time for products with service guarantees will begin when mail arrives at the local Post Office™ and items receive individual processing and acceptance scans.

B. USPS Action

Note to RSS Clerk:

1. Home screen > Mailing/Shipping > More
2. Select Shipment Confirm
3. Scan or enter the barcode/label number from PS Form 5630
4. Confirm the volume count message by selecting Yes or No
5. Select Pay and End Visit to complete transaction

USPS EMPLOYEE: Please scan upon pickup or receipt of mail.
Leave form with customer or in customer's mail receptacle.

USPS SCAN AT ACCEPTANCE



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 - ☐ Priority Mail
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Addressee (Name, Street, City, State, & ZIP Code™)

TRISTIAN MCDANIEL

GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS 75054

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