

No. **2026-10104**

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

Date: 09/09/2026

Subject Considered:

Texas Department of Insurance

v.

Prakash Mathew Thomas

SOAH Docket No. 454-26-20939.C

General Remarks and Official Action Taken:

The subject of this order is Prakash Mathew Thomas' life agent license. This order revokes Mr. Thomas' license.

Background

After proper notice was given, a hearing was scheduled for the above-styled case. Prior to the hearing, the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) filed a motion for summary disposition. Mr. Thomas did not respond to the motion.

An administrative law judge for the State Office of Administrative Hearings granted the motion for summary disposition and canceled the hearing.

The administrative law judge made and filed a proposal for decision concluding that TDI is required by law to revoke Mr. Thomas' license. A copy of the proposal for decision is attached as Exhibit A.

Findings of Fact

The findings of fact contained in Exhibit A are adopted and incorporated by reference into this order.

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Conclusions of Law

The conclusions of law contained in Exhibit A are adopted and incorporated by reference into this order.

Order

It is ordered that Prakash Mathew Thomas' life agent license is revoked.

Signed by:

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Amanda Crawford
Commissioner of Insurance

Recommended and reviewed by:

Signed by:

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Jessica Barta, General Counsel

Signed by:

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**BEFORE THE
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**TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,
PETITIONER
V.
PRAKASH MATHEW THOMAS,
RESPONDENT**

PROPOSAL FOR DECISION ON SUMMARY DISPOSITION

Staff (Staff) of the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) seeks to revoke Prakash Mathew Thomas' (Respondent) life agent license based on his felony conviction, for which he is currently serving a two-year sentence. Staff filed a Motion for Summary Disposition (Motion) requesting a decision in its favor as a matter of law. Respondent did not file a response to the Motion. After considering the evidence and the applicable law, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) concludes that the Motion should be granted. Therefore, this Proposal for Decision recommends that the Commissioner of Insurance revoke Respondent's license based on his incarceration for a felony conviction.

I. NOTICE, JURISDICTION, AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Staff's evidence established jurisdiction and proper notice to Respondent. Those matters are addressed in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

Procedurally, this matter arises from Staff seeking to revoke Respondent's life agent license as a matter of law. On May 20, 2026, Staff referred the case to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH).¹ On May 22, 2026, the ALJ issued Order No. 1 scheduling the Hearing on Merits for August 27, 2026. On May 27, 2026, Staff filed a Motion for Summary Disposition. The record closed on June 23, 2026, upon the issuance of Order No. 2 Granting Motion for Summary Disposition.

II. APPLICABLE LAW

Through the Texas Insurance Code, the Legislature delegated TDI powers and duties that include administering licensing and disciplinary requirements for agents.² TDI may discipline a license holder if the license holder has been convicted of a felony.³ Remedies include revocation of the license holder's license.⁴

However, TDI's licensing discretion regarding a licensee's criminal history is also governed by Chapter 53 of the Texas Occupations Code.⁵ Pursuant to Texas

¹ Request to Docket Form (May 20, 2026).

² See Tex. Ins. Code §§4001.001-002; *see also* §82.051.

³ Tex. Ins. Code §4005.101(b)(8).

⁴ Tex. Ins. Code §4005.102(2).

⁵ See *generally* Tex. Occ. Code §§53.021-53.023.

Occupations Code section 53.021(b), “[a] license holder’s license shall be revoked on the license holder’s imprisonment following a felony conviction for an offense that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation.”

Texas Occupations Code section 53.022 further instructs that “[i]n determining whether a criminal conviction directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of a licensed occupation, the licensing authority shall consider each of the . . . factors” listed below:

1. the nature and seriousness of the crime;
2. the relationship of the crime to the purposes for requiring a license to engage in the occupation;
3. the extent to which a license might offer an opportunity to engage in further criminal activity of the same type as that in which the person previously had been involved;
4. the relationship of the crime to the ability or capacity required to perform the duties and discharge the responsibilities of the licensed occupation; and
5. any correlation between elements of the crime and the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation.⁶

In accordance with Texas Occupations Code section 53.025, TDI has set forth “guidelines” in its rules identifying “crimes that [TDI] considers to be of such serious nature that they are directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation.”⁷ The guideline crimes include assaultive offenses, as

⁶ Tex. Occ. Code § 53.022.

⁷ 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502(f).

described by Penal Code Chapter 22.⁸ TDI's rules further state that, "[TDI] will revoke a license or authorization on the holder's imprisonment following a felony conviction."⁹

An ALJ may issue a proposal for decision on all or part of a contested case if the pleadings, the motion for summary disposition, and the summary disposition evidence show there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and a party is entitled to a decision in its favor as a matter of law.¹⁰

III. EVIDENCE

In support of the Motion for Summary Disposition, Staff offered uncontested summary disposition evidence establishing the following relevant facts:

- A. Respondent holds a life agent license originally issued by TDI on January 21, 2025;¹¹
- B. On or about November 11, 2025, in Cause No. 25-6124-439-F in the 439th Judicial District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, Respondent pleaded guilty to, and was convicted of, Assault on a Public Servant, a felony under Texas Penal Code 22.01(b)(1);¹² and

⁸ 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502(f)(4)(F).

⁹ 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502(h) (emphasis added).

¹⁰ 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.505(a).

¹¹ TDI Exhibit 1.

¹² TDI Exhibit 2.

- C. Respondent is currently incarcerated following his felony conviction.¹³

IV. ANALYSIS

It is undisputed that Respondent was convicted of and imprisoned for Assault on a Public Servant, an assaultive offense under Chapter 22 of the Texas Penal Code and a felony conviction that is directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation.¹⁴ Accordingly, revocation of Respondent's license is mandatory as of the date of his imprisonment, November 11, 2025.

Therefore, the ALJ granted Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition and recommends that the Commissioner of Insurance revoke Respondent's license.

V. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Prakash Mathew Thomas, holds a life agent license originally issued by the Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) on January 21, 2025.
2. On November 11, 2025, Respondent pleaded guilty to, and was convicted of, Assault on a Public Servant, in Cause No. 25-6124-439-F, in the 439th Judicial District Court, Rockwall County, Texas. The offense is a third degree felony under Texas Penal Code 22.01(b)(1). Respondent was sentenced to two years confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ), to commence on the same date. He is currently incarcerated in the TDCJ Holliday Unit.

¹³ TDI Exhibit 3.

¹⁴ See Tex. Occ. Code § 53.021(b) and 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502(f)(4)(F).

3. On May 20, 2026, TDI Staff referred the matter to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH) for hearing, supported by an Original Petition setting forth allegations in this case.
4. On May 22, 2026, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) issued Order No. 1, scheduling this case for a hearing on August 27, 2026, at 9:00 A.M, via Zoom videoconferencing.
5. On May 27, 2026, Staff issued a Notice of Hearing, which attached its Original Petition, and Order No. 1. Together, these documents contained a statement of the time, place, and nature of the hearing; a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing was to be held; a reference to the particular sections of the statutes and rules involved; and either a short, plain statement of the factual matters asserted or an attachment that incorporated by reference the factual matters asserted in the complaint or petition filed with the state agency. These documents were sent via certified mail to Respondent's mailing address on file with TDI and provided in court documents; to TDCJ, where he is currently incarcerated; and also emailed to Respondent.
6. On May 27, 2026, Staff filed a Motion for Summary Disposition and provided a copy to Respondent via certified mail to his mailing address on file with TDI and provided in court documents; to TDCJ; and also emailed to Respondent.
7. Respondent did not file a response to Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition.
8. On June 22, 2026, Respondent filed a Motion for Continuance with SOAH, requesting additional unspecified time to defend himself. Respondent states that he may be released from incarceration a week or two after September 18, 2026, after completion of a required course.
9. On June 23, 2026, the ALJ granted Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition and canceled the hearing on the merits.

VI. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter. Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051, 4005.101-.102; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-023.
2. SOAH has authority to conduct a contested case hearing in this matter and issue a proposal for decision with findings of fact and conclusions of law. Tex. Gov't Code ch. 2003; Tex. Ins. Code §§ 40.001-.005, 4005.104(a).
3. A contested case may be disposed of by summary disposition without an evidentiary hearing if the pleadings, the motion for summary disposition, and the summary disposition evidence show that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that the moving party is entitled to a decision in its favor as a matter of law. 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.505(a).
4. The pleadings and summary disposition evidence provided by Staff establish that there is no genuine issue as to any material fact regarding Respondent's conviction and imprisonment for a felony. Staff is therefore entitled to a decision in its favor as a matter of law. 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.505(a)
5. TDI is required to revoke Respondent's license pursuant to Texas Occupations Code section 53.021(b).

Signed July 17, 2026.

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