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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Dwight Williams,
deceased.

Case No. PR-2019-000328

ORDER ON FINAL SETTLEMENT OF SURETY

This matter came before the Court on September 20, 2021 for hearing on the Petition for Final Settlement filed by Auto-Owners Insurance Company ("Bonding Company"), as Surety for Lamont Williams, Personal Representative of the Estate of Dwight Williams, deceased. Notice was given as required by law. Present for the hearing were: Warren "Bo" Burke, Esq., attorney for the Bonding Company and W. Casey Duncan, Esq., court appointed AAL for the estate of Stephanie Williams. The case was called and the Court proceeded to review the documents and supporting evidence filed in this matter.

On or about May 3, 2019 this Court issued Letters of Administration to Lamont Williams ("Personal Representative") upon the posting of a Bond in the amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000). The Personal Representative noted in his Petition for Letters of Administration that the estate was worth "approximately \$1,000". He was Ordered to file an Inventory within two months of his appointment. No Inventory was ever filed. The case was set on this Court's Noncompliance Docket on February 17, 2021 for failure to file an Inventory and Annual Accounting. The Personal Representative's attorney appeared but represented to the Court that he had lost contact with his client and had been unable to locate him prior to the hearing, he asked for a short continuance to allow him time to contact his client. The case was continued to March 29, 2021, when the Court was advised that the attorney of record was unable to locate his client at which time the Court entered an Order requiring the Bonding Company to file a Final Settlement of the estate.

The Bonding Company filed a Final Settlement on July 2, 2021. Upon examination of the allegations set forth in the petition and of the record, the Court FINDS as follows:

1. The estate in this matter was opened for the purpose of pursuing a wrongful death case which has been resolved.
2. The decedent was possessed of not more than \$1,000.00 at the time of his death.
3. More than six (6) months have elapsed since the granting of Letters of Administration and there have been no claims filed in the estate.
4. The heirs and next of kin of the Estate appear to be:

Lamont Williams	Brother of Decedent
Teresa Williams	Sister of Decedent
Stephanie Williams	Sister of the Decedent (deceased)
5. That there are no assets to be distributed to the heirs.

It is therefore, **ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED** by the Court that the costs of this proceeding are hereby taxed against Auto-Owners Insurance Company, and it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED by the Court that upon payment of the aforesaid sums, the account heretofore filed by Auto-Owners Insurance Company will be passed and allowed, and that the Bond on which Auto-Owners Insurance Company is named as surety, will be cancelled



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and discharged of record, and said Auto-Owners Insurance Company will be released and discharged of any and all further liability thereon, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED that the Personal Representative is removed and his Letters of Administration are revoked for failure to make and return an inventory, the failure to file an Annual Accounting, the failure to file a Final Settlement and failure to appear for hearing.

DONE this the 22nd day of September, 2021.

Allison S. Boyd

Allison S. Boyd
Judge of Probate

cc: Warren "Bo" Burke, Jr., Esq.
Teresa Williams
W. Casey Duncan, Esq.

I certify this to be a true and correct copy *Allison S. Boyd*

Probate Judge
Shelby County

Date 9/22/21

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