September 2, 2009

TO: ALL FUGITIVE RECOVERY AGENTS/ BOUNTY HUNTERS AND BAILBONDSMEN:

This memorandum supercedes the memorandums issued on February 27, 2009 and June 17, 2009. The memorandums issued on February 27, 2009 and June 17, 2009 are hereby rescinded.

Bail bond agents and sureties licensed by the New Jersey Department of Banking and Insurance (DoB&I) as insurance producers with either limited lines bail bond authority or with full property and casualty authority are not subject to the requirements of the Bounty Hunter Licensing Act. If, however, a bail bond agent signs a bail bond and hires, rewards or pays another person, including another bail bond agent, surety or agent licensed by DoB&I, to recapture and return the fugitive covered by the bail bond where such reward or payment does not constitute part of the retention of the bail bond premium for the recapture and return of the fugitive, then that other person (including a hired or rewarded bail bond agent, surety or agent licensed by DoB&I) is not exempt from the requirements of the Bounty Hunter Licensing Act. A person who works for a bail bond agent either as an employee or an agent and is not licensed by DoB&I to assist the bail bond agent in the apprehension and surrender of the defendant to the court is subject to the requirements of the Bounty Hunter Licensing Act.

Thank you for your cooperation.

FOR COLONEL JOSEPH R. FUENTES
SUPERINTENDENT

Sincerely,

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