

BrokerCheck Report

CHARLES MYRICK WINSTEAD

CRD# 4176077

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BrokerCheck offers information on all current, and many former, registered securities brokers, and all current and former registered securities firms. FINRA strongly encourages investors to use BrokerCheck to check the background of securities brokers and brokerage firms before deciding to conduct, or continue to conduct, business with them.

- **What is included in a BrokerCheck report?**

- BrokerCheck reports for individual brokers include information such as employment history, professional qualifications, disciplinary actions, criminal convictions, civil judgments and arbitration awards. BrokerCheck reports for brokerage firms include information on a firm's profile, history, and operations, as well as many of the same disclosure events mentioned above.
- Please note that the information contained in a BrokerCheck report may include pending actions or allegations that may be contested, unresolved or unproven. In the end, these actions or allegations may be resolved in favor of the broker or brokerage firm, or concluded through a negotiated settlement with no admission or finding of wrongdoing.

- **Where did this information come from?**

- The information contained in BrokerCheck comes from FINRA's Central Registration Depository, or CRD® and is a combination of:
 - information FINRA and/or the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) require brokers and brokerage firms to submit as part of the registration and licensing process, and
 - information that regulators report regarding disciplinary actions or allegations against firms or brokers.

- **How current is this information?**

- Generally, active brokerage firms and brokers are required to update their professional and disciplinary information in CRD within 30 days. Under most circumstances, information reported by brokerage firms, brokers and regulators is available in BrokerCheck the next business day.

- **What if I want to check the background of an investment adviser firm or investment adviser representative?**

- To check the background of an investment adviser firm or representative, you can search for the firm or individual in BrokerCheck. If your search is successful, click on the link provided to view the available licensing and registration information in the SEC's Investment Adviser Public Disclosure (IAPD) website at <https://www.adviserinfo.sec.gov>. In the alternative, you may search the IAPD website directly or contact your state securities regulator at <http://www.finra.org/Investors/ToolsCalculators/BrokerCheck/P455414>.

- **Are there other resources I can use to check the background of investment professionals?**

- FINRA recommends that you learn as much as possible about an investment professional before deciding to work with them. Your state securities regulator can help you research brokers and investment adviser representatives doing business in your state.

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This broker is not currently registered.

Report Summary for this Broker

This report summary provides an overview of the broker's professional background and conduct. Additional information can be found in the detailed report.

Broker Qualifications

This broker is not currently registered.

This broker has passed:

- 0 Principal/Supervisory Exams
- 1 General Industry/Product Exam
- 1 State Securities Law Exam

Registration History

This broker was previously registered with the following securities firm(s):

- B** **NATIONWIDE SECURITIES, LLC**
CRD# 11173
BYRAM, MS
04/2005 - 08/2014
- B** **ALLSTATE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC**
CRD# 18272
LINCOLN, NE
08/2000 - 03/2005

Disclosure Events

This broker has been involved in one or more disclosure events involving certain final criminal matters, regulatory actions, civil judicial proceedings, or arbitrations or civil litigations.

Are there events disclosed about this broker? **Yes**

The following types of disclosures have been reported:

Type	Count
Regulatory Event	2
Criminal	1

Broker Qualifications



Registrations

This section provides the self-regulatory organizations (SROs), states and U.S. territories the broker is currently registered and licensed with, the category of each registration, and the date on which the registration became effective. This section also provides, for each firm with which the broker is currently employed, the address of each branch where the broker works.

This broker is not currently registered.



Broker Qualifications

Industry Exams this Broker has Passed

This section includes all securities industry exams that the broker has passed. Under limited circumstances, a broker may attain a registration after receiving an exam waiver based on exams the broker has passed and/or qualifying work experience. Any exam waivers that the broker has received are not included below. A passed exam or exam waiver does not permit a broker to do business without an active SRO or state registration.

This individual has passed 0 principal/supervisory exams, 1 general industry/product exam, and 1 state securities law exam.

Principal/Supervisory Exams

Exam	Category	Date
No information reported.		

General Industry/Product Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<div>B</div> Investment Company Products/Variable Contracts Representative Examination	Series 6	07/17/2000

State Securities Law Exams

Exam	Category	Date
<div>B</div> Uniform Securities Agent State Law Examination	Series 63	08/03/2000

Additional information about the above exams or other exams FINRA administers to brokers and other securities professionals can be found at www.finra.org/brokerqualifications/registeredrep/.

Broker Qualifications



Professional Designations

This section details that the representative has reported **0** professional designation(s).

No information reported.



Registration and Employment History

Registration History

The broker previously was registered with the following securities firms:

Registration Dates	Firm Name	CRD#	Branch Location
B 04/2005 - 08/2014	NATIONWIDE SECURITIES, LLC	11173	BYRAM, MS
B 08/2000 - 03/2005	ALLSTATE FINANCIAL SERVICES, LLC	18272	LINCOLN, NE

Employment History

This section provides up to 10 years of an individual broker's employment history as reported by the individual broker on the most recently filed Form U4.

Please note that the broker is required to provide this information only while registered with FINRA or a national securities exchange and the information is not updated via Form U4 after the broker ceases to be registered. Therefore, an employment end date of "Present" may not reflect the broker's current employment status.

Employment	Employer Name	Position	Investment Related	Employer Location
04/2005 - Present	NATIONWIDE SECURITIES INC	REGISTERED REPRESENTATIVE	Y	DUBLIN, OH, United States
03/2005 - Present	PRESENT	ASSOC AGENT	N	JACKSON, MS, United States

Disclosure Events



What you should know about reported disclosure events:

- 1. **Disclosure events in BrokerCheck reports come from different sources:**
 - As mentioned at the beginning of this report, information contained in BrokerCheck comes from brokers, their employing firms, and regulators. When more than one source reports information for the same disclosure event, all versions of the event will appear in the BrokerCheck report. The different versions are separated by a solid line with the reporting source labeled.

For your convenience, below is a matrix of the number and status of regulatory disclosure events involving this broker. Further information regarding these events can be found in the subsequent pages of this report. You also may wish to contact the broker to obtain further information regarding these events.

	Final	On Appeal
Regulatory Event	2	0
Criminal	1	0



Disclosure Event Details

This report provides the information exactly as it was reported to CRD and therefore some of the specific data fields contained in the report may be blank if the information was not provided to CRD.

Regulatory - Final

This type of disclosure event involves a final, formal proceeding initiated by a regulatory authority (e.g., a state securities agency, self-regulatory organization, federal regulator such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, foreign financial regulatory body) for a violation of investment-related rules or regulations.

Disclosure 1 of 2

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Regulatory Action Initiated By:	UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: n/a
Date Initiated:	04/22/2019
Docket/Case Number:	3-19151
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	Nationwide Securities LLC
Product Type:	No Product
Allegations:	SEC Admin Release 34-85704, IA Release 5225 / April 22, 2019: The Securities and Exchange Commission deems it appropriate and in the public interest that public administrative proceedings be instituted against Charles Myrick Winstead ("Respondent" or "Winstead"). After an investigation, the Division of Enforcement alleges that on January 22, 2018, a judgment of conviction was entered against Winstead based on his plea of guilty to one count of embezzlement in violation of Section 97-23- 19(d) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, before the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in State of Mississippi v. Charles Myrick Winstead, Cause No. 2017-0386. On January 29, 2018, Winstead was sentenced to a prison term of 20 years, with the final 10 years suspended, and was ordered to pay restitution of \$121,811.56.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Order



Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?

No

Resolution Date:

10/06/2022

Sanctions Ordered:

Bar (Permanent)

If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?

No

(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?



(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or

(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?

Sanction 1 of 2

Sanction Type:	Bar (Permanent)
Capacities Affected:	Participating in any offering of a penny stock
Duration:	Indefinite
Start Date:	10/06/2022
End Date:	

Sanction 2 of 2



Sanction Type:	Bar (Permanent)
Capacities Affected:	association with a broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or NRSRO
Duration:	Indefinite
Start Date:	10/06/2022
End Date:	
Regulator Statement	<p>Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Release No. 95997 / Investment Advisers Act of 1940 Release No. 6161: October 6, 2022 - Respondent was convicted of embezzlement. Held, it is in the public interest to bar respondent from association with any investment adviser, broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization ("NRSRO") and from participating in an offering of penny stock. On April 22, 2019, the SEC instituted an administrative proceeding against Charles Myrick Winstead pursuant to Section 15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 203(f) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. The order instituting proceedings ("OIP") alleged that Winstead pleaded guilty in 2018 to one count of embezzlement in violation of Mississippi state law by receiving a \$117,863.74 check payable to Nationwide Insurance Company from an individual who had provided the check to Winstead in his capacity as an insurance agent for the purpose of purchasing an insurance policy and other Nationwide products. Instead of tendering the funds to Nationwide, Winstead converted them to his own use. After accepting Winstead's guilty plea, a court sentenced him to 20 years of incarceration, with the final ten years suspended; sentenced him to five years of supervised probation; and ordered him to pay restitution of \$121,811.56 and court costs of \$998.50. The OIP also alleged that Winstead was associated with Nationwide Securities LLC, a dually registered broker-dealer and investment adviser, at the time of the misconduct. Because Winstead failed to answer or respond to the show cause order or to the Division's motion, the SEC finds it appropriate to hold him in default and to deem the allegations of the OIP to be true. On the basis of the Commission's opinion, it is ORDERED that Charles Myrick Winstead is barred from association with any investment adviser, broker, dealer, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization; and it is further ORDERED that Charles Myrick Winstead is barred from participating in any offering of a penny stock, including acting as a promoter, finder, consultant, agent, or other person who engages in activities with a broker, dealer, or issuer for purposes of the issuance or trading in any penny stock, or inducing or attempting to induce the purchase or sale of any penny stock.</p>

Disclosure 2 of 2

Reporting Source: Regulator



Regulatory Action Initiated By:	FINRA
Sanction(s) Sought:	Other: N/A
Date Initiated:	07/24/2015
Docket/Case Number:	2014042205601
Employing firm when activity occurred which led to the regulatory action:	NATIONWIDE SECURITIES, LLC
Product Type:	Insurance
Allegations:	WITHOUT ADMITTING OR DENYING THE FINDINGS, WINSTEAD CONSENTED TO THE SANCTION AND TO THE ENTRY OF FINDINGS THAT HE REFUSED TO RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION MADE BY FINRA DURING THE COURSE OF ITS INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS THAT HE FAILED TO PROPERLY DEPOSIT AND PROCESS A CUSTOMER'S PREMIUM PAYMENT FOR A UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE POLICY, AND WHETHER HE FAILED TO TIMELY DISCLOSE MULTIPLE TAX LIENS AND CIVIL JUDGMENTS ON HIS FORM U4.
Current Status:	Final
Resolution:	Acceptance, Waiver & Consent(AWC)
Does the order constitute a final order based on violations of any laws or regulations that prohibit fraudulent, manipulative, or deceptive conduct?	No
Resolution Date:	07/24/2015
Sanctions Ordered:	Bar (Permanent)
If the regulator is the SEC, CFTC, or an SRO, did the action result in a finding of a willful violation or failure to supervise?	No



(1) willfully violated any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board, or to have been unable to comply with any provision of such Act, rule or regulation?

(2) willfully aided, abetted, counseled, commanded, induced, or procured the violation by any person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any of such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board? or



(3) failed reasonably to supervise another person subject to your supervision, with a view to preventing the violation by such person of any provision of the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, the Investment Company Act of 1940, the Commodity Exchange Act, or any rule or regulation under any such Acts, or any of the rules of the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board?

Sanction 1 of 1

Sanction Type:	Bar (Permanent)
Capacities Affected:	All Capacities
Duration:	
Start Date:	07/24/2015
End Date:	



Criminal - Final Disposition

This type of disclosure event involves a conviction or guilty plea for any felony or certain misdemeanor offenses, including bribery, perjury, forgery, counterfeiting, extortion, fraud, and wrongful taking of property that is currently on appeal.

Disclosure 1 of 1

Reporting Source:	Regulator
Formal Charges were brought in:	State Court
Name of Court:	the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi
Location of Court:	Mississippi
Docket/Case #:	No. 2017-0386
Charge Date:	04/01/2014
Charge(s) 1 of 1	
Formal Charge(s)/Description:	converted funds
No of Counts:	1
Felony or Misdemeanor:	Felony
Plea for each charge:	guilty
Disposition of charge:	Convicted
Current Status:	Final
Status Date:	01/22/2018
Disposition Date:	01/22/2018
Sentence/Penalty:	On January 22, 2018, a judgment of conviction was entered against Winstead based on his plea of guilty to one count of embezzlement in violation of Section 97-23-19(d) of the Mississippi Code of 1972, before the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi, in State of Mississippi v. Charles Myrick Winstead, Cause No. 2017-0386. On January 29, 2018, Winstead was sentenced to a prison term of 20 years, with the final 10 years suspended, and was ordered to pay restitution of \$121,811.56.

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