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It appearing that respondent admits to improperly diverting and consuming controlled dangerous substances obtained from his employer's active drug stock, and respondent having satisfied the Board that he intends to continue psychotherapeutic treatment with a Board approved therapist, and it further appearing that the parties wish to resolve this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and for good cause shown,

IT IS THEREFORE, ON THIS <sup>10<sup>th</sup></sup> DAY OF *Feb.* 1994,  
ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of Jeffrey Strougo, R.P., to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended for five (5) years and four (4) months with credit for the time since October 15, 1990, that he has voluntarily refrained from practicing pharmacy. The first three years (3) and four (4) months of said suspension shall be active; the remaining two years of said suspension shall be stayed, and become a period of probation.

2. Respondent shall be on probation for the duration of the stayed suspension commencing February 15, 1994, subject to compliance with paragraphs 3 through 15 herein. If respondent violates any of the provisions of paragraphs 3 through 15 herein, the Board may initiate proceedings to revoke his probationary status and to actively suspend or revoke his license to practice pharmacy.

3. Respondent shall not be a pharmacist-in-charge or a permit holder of any pharmacy in this State during the entire period of probation.

4. Respondent hereby consents to the entry of an Order of Automatic Suspension of his license without notice upon the Board's receipt of any reliable information such as, but not limited to, a report of a confirmed positive urine from the party responsible for monitoring respondent's urine, or information from any out-patient program or counselor which reveals evidence of substance abuse during the probationary period.

5. Respondent shall have the right to apply for removal of the automatic suspension on two (2) days notice but in such event shall be limited to a showing that urine tested was not his or was a false positive, in the case of urine testing, or that other information submitted was false.

6. Respondent shall have his urine monitored at his own expense on a random, unannounced basis for the entire two (2) year period. Testing shall be performed two times per month. The urine specimens shall be performed with direct witnessing by a Board approved monitor. The initial drug screen will utilize the EMIT technique and all conforming tests and/or secondary tests will be performed by gas chromatographing/mass spectrometry (GC/MS). The testing procedure shall include a forensic chain of custody protocol to ensure sample integrity and to provide documentation thereof.

7. The result of all tests shall be reported directly

from the testing laboratory to H. Lee Gladstein, Executive Director of the Board or his successor, or his designee in the event he is unavailable. The Board may at anytime alter or modify the manner of the testing directed herein. In the event of any such alteration or modification the Board shall give timely notice of any new testing requirement to the respondent.

8. In the event respondent is unable to appear for a scheduled urine test due to illness or other impossibility, consent to waive that day's test must be secured from the Board office. The lab or monitor will not be authorized to provide consent. In addition, Mr. Strougo must provide the Board with any written substantiation which may be obtained for his inability to appear, eg. physician's report.

9. Any failure to appear for a urine test for which consent is not secured from the Board and for which no written substantiation is furnished satisfactory to the Board within two (2) days of such failure to appear shall be grounds for activation of the suspension upon short notice.

10. Respondent shall continue to receive weekly psychotherapeutic treatment from a Board approved psychotherapist for the duration of the probationary period.

11. Respondent shall cause the Board to receive quarterly documentation that he receives psychotherapeutic treatment at least one week time per week for the duration of the probationary period.

12. Respondent shall give written notice to the Board

prior to beginning any job and prior to any change in employment.

13. In connection with any job in which Mr. Strougo has access to controlled dangerous substances, he shall disclose his prior drug problem to his employer and serve a copy of the within Order on his employer. Respondent shall cause the Board to receive a letter acknowledging the employer's receipt of the notice required by this paragraph.

14. Respondent shall not use or possess any controlled dangerous substances, except for bona fide medical purposes as deemed necessary by a physician or other authorized prescriber during the entire period of probation. In such event, respondent is to serve notice to the Board in writing. Respondent shall advise any and all treating physicians of his history of drug abuse.

15. Respondent shall appear before the Board for a status conference one month prior to the completion of the probationary period.

Edith Tortora Micale, R.P.  
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President

I have read the within Order and understand it. I agree to be bound by its terms and hereby consent to it being entered by the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy.

Jeffrey William Strougo, R.P.  
Jeffrey William Strougo, R.P., Respondent