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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE UNLICENSED
PRACTICE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
BY
JILL CRYSTAL

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: Administrative Action
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: CONSENT ORDER
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners upon the receipt of information indicating that Jill Crystal of 150 Egel Avenue, Middlesex, New Jersey, was representing herself as being a veterinarian despite the fact that she was neither trained nor licensed pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:16-5 to do so. It appeared that Ms. Crystal represented that she was a practicing veterinarian and ordered veterinary products from Ciba-Geigy Corporation, Smithkline Beecham, Schering-Plough, and Merck and Company by setting up accounts under the names of Dr. John Hadlock, Sussex Mobile Vet, and Jill Crystal. The veterinary products were delivered by mail to a warehouse at 150 Egel Avenue, and were distributed by

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Crystal ~~and her father, Harold Crystal,~~ through a mail order catalog named Sussex Drug Products Company.

On December 20, 1994, respondent Crystal admitted that she had created the name Sussex ~~Drug Products Company~~ and that she had used it to obtain products and drugs from pharmaceutical companies. Respondent Crystal further admitted that she was not a veterinarian, that she was not licensed in New Jersey to practice veterinary medicine, and that she had posed as a veterinarian to obtain the products and pharmaceuticals. She stated that the Dr. John Hadlock listed on her accounts was a veterinarian from Arizona who was not involved in her misrepresentations.

The Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners found that Jill Crystal falsely represented herself as being a ~~qualified, licensed veterinarian with an active veterinary practice in New Jersey in~~ willful and deliberate violation of N.J.S.A. 45:16-5.

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Ms. Crystal wishing to settle this matter without the necessity for formal legal action, and acknowledging the jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and the Board being satisfied that this Consent Order is adequately protective of the public interest,

IT IS on this 4th day of January, 1996,

ORDERED:

1. That Jill Crystal shall cease and desist from representing herself as a veterinarian until such time as she is legally licensed by the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to engage in such practice.

2. That any further instances of the false representation Jill Crystal that she is a licensed veterinarian shall be regarded as second or subsequent offenses in violation of N.J.S.A. 54:16-5.

3. That Jill Crystal shall pay to the Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners a penalty in the amount of \$750.00, and shall also pay to the Board the costs of investigation in this matter in the amount of \$4,250.00, for a total of ~~\$5,000~~ ^{\$5,000}, to be paid in installments over a period of two years.

BOARD OF VETERINARY
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BY Michael Hennessy
Michael Hennessy, D.V.M.
President

I have read and understood
the within Order and agree
to be bound by the terms
therein. Consent is hereby
given for its entry.

Jill Crystal
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