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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF : Administrative Action
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FREDERICK LEWIS, M.D. :
A/K/A ABRAHAM MOHAMMED :
License No: MA 44331 :
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: : PROVISIONAL ORDER
: : OF DISCIPLINE
TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made;

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FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent, Frederick D. Lewis, M.D., a/k/a/ Abraham Mohammed, License No. 44331, is a physician licensed in the State of New Jersey. As a consequence of respondent's failure to submit his biennial renewal in 1985, respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey was automatically suspended pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-6.1, which allows for reinstatement of certain fees.

2. On September 26, 2001, a Final Decision and Order was entered by the District of Columbia Board of Medicine. It was found that on June 20, 1989, respondent was indicted in the Circuit Court of Prince George's County for the following charges: 1) assault with intent to murder; 2) attempted murder; 3) assault with intent to disable; 4) assault with intent avoid lawful apprehension; 5) malicious shooting; 6) use of a handgun in a crime of violence; 7) assault and battery; and 8) robbery. Respondent did not contest these allegations at the hearing. On or about March 6, 1990, respondent was found guilty but not criminally responsible by the Circuit Court of Prince George's County, Maryland. Respondent was committed to the State of Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene at the a psychiatric hospital for approximately one year. During respondent's hospitalization, it was determined that he suffered from Bipolar Disease, and was prescribed lithium and underwent counseling.

3. Respondent was employed as a physician by the District of Columbia Department of Corrections from 1991 through 1995. From June to September of 1995, respondent treated four (4) patients, with varied complaints such as scrotal bleeding, right anterior chest pains, left posterior chest pains, and a sprain of the left forth finger, and prescribed topical epinephrine for each.

4. Based on expert testimony, the Board found that the use of topical epinephrine in the treatment of the four (4) patients was inappropriate because it would be useful in the treatment of profuse bleeding or chest pain. The Board concluded that respondent's treatment of said four (4) patients was inappropriate and resulted in a breach of the appropriate standard of medical care in the District of Columbia. Further, the Board found that respondent's treatment of the patients failed to conform to the prevailing standard of acceptable medical treatment and that such treatment amounted to the careless disregard for the health, safety and welfare of those patients for which the Board may take disciplinary action.

5. Respondent's license to practice medicine in the District of Columbia was suspended and respondent was ordered to receive psychiatric evaluation to determine his psychiatric fitness to practice medicine. Respondent was also ordered to take the Special Purpose Examination for Physicians (SPEX) to determine the status of his current medical knowledge, and to take a continuing

education course for any area of the SPEX for which he demonstrated deficiency, as determined by the Board. Respondent was further ordered to pay a penalty in the amount of \$1500.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above District of Columbia action provides grounds to take disciplinary action against respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. (g) in that respondent has had his authority to engage in the practice of medicine suspended in another state.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 1st day of AUGUST, 2002,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended until such time as respondent can demonstrate that his license in the District of Columbia has been fully restored.

2. Prior to resuming active practice in the State of New Jersey, respondent shall appear before a committee of the Board to demonstrate his fitness to practice in this State. Any medical practice prior to said appearance shall constitute grounds for automatic revocation of his New Jersey license. In addition, the

Board reserves the right to place restrictions on respondent's practice should his license be reinstated.

3. The within Order shall be subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30th business day following entry hereof unless respondent requests a modification or dismissal of the above stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law By:

a) Submitting a written request for modification or dismissal to William Roeder, Executive Director, State Board of Medical Examiners, P.O. Box 183, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183.

b) Setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed.

c) Submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor, as well as any evidence which respondent may wish the Board to consider in mitigation of the penalties set forth herein.

4. Any submissions will be reviewed by the Board, and the Board will thereafter determine whether further proceedings are necessary. If no material discrepancies are raised through a supplemental submission during the thirty-day period, or if the Board is not persuaded that submitted materials merit further consideration, a Final Order of Discipline will be entered.

5. In the event that respondent's submissions establish a need for further proceedings, including, but not limited to, an

evidentiary hearing, respondent shall be notified with regard thereto. In the event that an evidentiary hearing is ordered, the preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law contained herein shall serve as notice of the factual and legal allegations in such proceedings.

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