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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF OPTOMETRISTS

IN THE MATTER OF)	
)	Administrative Action
Paul DiFiore, O.D.)	
)	CONSENT ORDER
LICENSED TO PRACTICE OPTOMETRY)	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY)	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Optometrists (hereinafter "the Board") upon receipt of information alleging that Paul DiFiore, O.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") violated N.J.S.A. 45:12-9 and N.J.A.C. 13:38-2.2(a) 4 and 8. Specifically, Respondent practiced optometry at 3223 Route 38, Mount Laurel, New Jersey, a branch office not registered with the Board as required under N.J.S.A. 45:12-9. Furthermore, an inspection of the premises done on July 15, 2001 demonstrated that the office lacked certain equipment which is mandatory pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:38-2.2(a)4 and 8. A Uniform Penalty Letter was sent by the Board to Respondent on October 12, 2001 affording Respondent the opportunity to resolve these allegations. On April 18, 2002,

Respondent submitted a letter to the Board whereby he requested a hearing.

It appearing that Respondent now desires to resolve this matter without recourse to further formal proceedings, and the Board finding that the public health, safety and welfare are protected by the entry of this Order, and for other good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS 5th DAY OF November, 2002, HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby reprimanded for the conduct set forth above.
2. Respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) for the conduct alleged in the Uniform Penalty Letter. Payment of the civil penalty of \$2,000 shall be by submission of a certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and shall be sent to Susan Gartland, Executive Director, Board of Optometrists, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey, 07101 no later than thirty (30) days from the entry of this Consent Order;
3. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of five hundred ninety eight dollars and twenty one cents, \$598.21. Payment for costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the

Board no later than thirty (30) days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Susan Gartland, Executive Director, Board of Optometrists, at the address described in paragraph #2; and

3. A Certificate of Debt shall be filed for the entire amount owed to the Board (\$2,598.21) to be discharged by Respondent's payment of this debt in full.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRISTS

By: Susan Gartland
Susan Gartland, Executive Director

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter this Order.

Paul DiFiore
Paul DiFiore, O.D.