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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
SUSPENSION OF THE LICENSE OF

STACY J. CUPOLO
License # **HI 4579**

TO PRACTICE DENTAL HYGIENE
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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: Administrative Action
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: **CONSENT ORDER OF**
: **SUSPENSION**
: **OF LICENSE**
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This matter was opened to the State Board of Dentistry upon receipt of information that Stacy J. Cupolo ("respondent") was arrested on two occasions related to passing forged prescriptions. Respondent was arrested in Brick Township, Ocean County, New Jersey on or about October 23, 2002 and charged with Forgery (N.J.S.A. 2C: 21-1a1); Theft (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3a); and Criminal Attempt (N.J.S.A. 2C:5-1) based on her admission that she had taken prescription blanks from the dental office in which she worked, wrote prescriptions for Vicoprofen in the name of her grandmother, signed the dentist's name to the prescription, and on September 16 and September 27,

2002, presented the prescriptions to the Shop Rite Pharmacy in Brick Township, New Jersey. On the first occasion, respondent picked up the prescription and took the medication herself. Respondent did not return to the pharmacy to pick up the prescription she had presented on September 27, 2002. Respondent was arrested for the second time on or about December 16, 2002, in Wall Township, New Jersey, and charged with Theft (N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3a); Forgery (N.J.S.A. 2C:21-1a); and acquiring a controlled dangerous substance by fraud, forgery, deception or subterfuge (N.J.S.A. 2C:35-13) based on her admission on that date she had taken a prescription blank from a dental office where she worked, had written a prescription for Vicoprofen in the name of a patient, had signed the name of the dentist, and presented the prescription at the Foodtown Pharmacy in Wall Township. Both matters are now pending in Ocean County.

Respondent has now agreed to the suspension of her license to practice dental hygiene in the State of New Jersey without prejudice and in accordance with the terms of this Order. The Board finds the terms of this consent order to be adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare.

IT IS, therefore, on this 5th day of November, 2003,

ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of Stacy Cupola, R.D.H., to practice dental hygiene is suspended and she shall not engage in the practice of dental hygiene in the State of New Jersey for a minimum period of six months from the entry date of this Order.

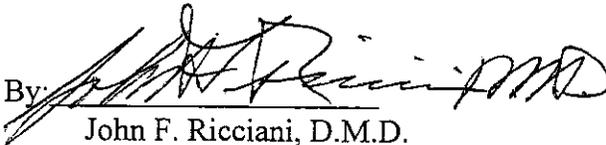
2. Prior to any restoration of her license, respondent shall:

- a. Appear before the Board or a committee of the Board to discuss her readiness to reenter the practice of dental hygiene.

- b. Provide the Board with evidence that she is capable of discharging the functions of a licensee in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that she is not then suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of any CDS or other substance, whether legal or illegal, which could affect her practice.
- c. Provide the Board with reports from each and every mental health professional (including but not limited to: psychologists, counselors, therapists, psychiatrists) who have participated in respondent's care and/or treatment for the disability in this matter during the period of time from her entry into treatment to his appearance.
- e. Provide the Board with a report from the Physicians Health Program or the New Jersey Dental Association Chemical Dependency Program detailing the nature and extent of her involvement with that entity, if any.
- f. Affirmatively establish her fitness, competence and capacity to re-enter the active practice of dental hygiene within New Jersey.
- g. Provide the Board with a full account of her conduct during the intervening period of time from the entry of this Order and her appearance before the Board.
- h. Provide the Board with documentation regarding resolution of the pending criminal charges, including information regarding compliance with all requirements of any program or probation ordered by the Court.

3. The parties hereby stipulate that entry of this Order is without prejudice to further action by this Board or other law enforcement entities resulting from respondent's conduct.

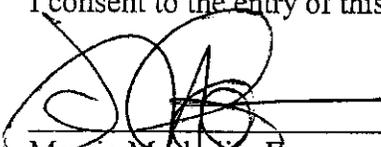
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By: 
John F. Ricciani, D.M.D.
President

I have read and I understand the terms of this order and agree to be bound by it. I consent to the entry of this Order.


Stacy J. Cupolo, R.D.H.

I consent to the entry of this order as to form.


Marcie Mackelinn, Esq.