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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	Administrative Action
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	
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CHUKWUEMEKA F. OBIDIKE R.P.	:	PROVISIONAL ORDER
License No. R103063800	:	OF DISCIPLINE
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TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE	:	
STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following preliminary findings of fact and conclusions of law are made.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is a pharmacist in the State of New Jersey and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On November 29, 2007 the license to practice pharmacy of Chukwuemeka Obidike was suspended by the Department of Health Professions, State of Virginia, based upon evidence that respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the District of Columbia was suspended on February 8, 2007.

3. Specifically, respondent submitted on December 12, 2006, a renewal application for licensure in the District of Columbia, and represented that he had never been arrested or convicted of a crime since the last renewal. In fact, on September 12, 2006, pursuant to an investigation, respondent was arrested and charged with 55 counts relating to obtaining prescription drugs by fraud in the County of Montgomery, State of Maryland. On November 17, 2006, before the District Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, respondent pled guilty to 2 charges of obtaining prescriptions of controlled dangerous substances by fraud. On December 22, 2006, respondent again pled guilty to the same charges before the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, admitting that on or about August 18, 2006, respondent fraudulently obtained Zoloft and Hydrocodone APAP 10/325. As a result of the false information, respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the District of Columbia was renewed.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The above Virginia and District of Columbia actions provide grounds to take disciplinary action against respondent's license to practice pharmacy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g) in that respondent has had his authority to engage in the practice of pharmacy suspended in Virginia and the District of Columbia.

2. The above action provides grounds to take disciplinary action against respondent's license to practice pharmacy in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) in that the

District of Columbia Pharmacy Board made findings that respondent practiced the profession fraudulently by providing false information on his renewal application.

IT IS THEREFORE on this 13th day of August, 2008,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey is hereby suspended until such time as respondent's Virginia and District of Columbia pharmacy licenses are reinstated without conditions.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Edward M. McKinley
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