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**BOARD OF PHARMACY**

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OR  
REVOCAION OF THE REGISTRATION OF

Christopher Petronzio  
Registration No.:28RW00696000

CONSENT ORDER  
OF  
VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACY  
TECHNICIAN IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy (Board) upon receipt of information that Christopher Petronzio (Respondent) was arrested on March 7, 2010 for two counts of 2C: 35-10A(1), possess Controlled Dangerous Substance or Analog, and one count 2C:35-10A(4), Possess Marijuana/Hash Under following . Specifically, four Xanax pills, two Klonopin pills and approximately 2 grams of marijuana were retrieved by police after a search of Respondent's car. Respondent subsequently admitted that the pills were taken from the pharmacy where he was employed without a valid prescription.

On April 29, 2010 the Municipal Court dismissed the two counts of 2C:35-10A(1) and conditionally discharged the proceedings regarding one count 2C:35-10A(4) pending one year of supervisory treatment. Respondent submitted documentation to the Board showing that he has paid all court fees in full and has represented that he has not been employed in a pharmacy setting since his arrest in March 2010. Respondent further represents that he has been fully compliant with the terms of his conditional discharge, including active participation in counseling with a psychologist on a regular basis.

Respondent seeks leave to voluntarily surrender his registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the State of New Jersey without prejudice and in accordance with the terms of this Order. The Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown,

IT IS, therefore on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010

ORDERED THAT

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender his registration to practice as pharmacy technician in the State of New Jersey for a minimum period of three months from the date of this Order.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in practice as a pharmacy technician which includes, but is not limited to the following: respondent shall not retrieve prescription files or patient files; shall not prepare medication labels; shall not engage in data entry for any pharmacy, shall not count, weigh, measure, pour or compound prescription medication or stock legend drugs and controlled substances; shall not fill an automated medication system; shall not accept authorization for a prescription refill or renewal; shall not handle anything requiring a

prescription, including devices and medications; respondent shall not handle prescriptions; and shall not be present within a prescription filling area of a pharmacy.

3. Respondent shall surrender his original registration to the Executive Director of the Board immediately upon the entry of this Order by mailing same to Joanne Boyer, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, P. O. Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

4. Prior to any restoration of registration, Respondent shall:

- a. Appear before the Board or a committee thereof to discuss his readiness to reenter practice as a pharmacy technician. At that time Respondent shall be prepared to propose his plans for future practice in New Jersey.
- b. Provide the Board with evidence that he is capable of discharging the functions of a registration holder in a manner consistent with the public's health, safety and welfare and that he is not then suffering from any impairment or limitation resulting from the use of any addictive substance which could affect his practice.
- c. Provide the Board with documentation of sobriety to include but not be limited to complete treatment records of all diagnostic and rehabilitative therapy and an in-depth, current evaluation from a psychiatrist or psychologist knowledgeable in addiction therapy. In addition, respondent shall provide reports from each and every mental health professional (including, but not limited to: psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, and therapists) who have participated in respondent's care and/or treatment in this matter during the period of time from his arrest on March 7, 2010 and his appearance pursuant to this Order.
- d. Affirmatively establish his fitness, competence and capacity to re-enter the active practice of pharmacy technician within New Jersey.
- e. Provide the Board with a full account of his conduct during the intervening period of time from the date of his arrest to his appearance pursuant to this Order.

5. The Board reserves the right to place restrictions and/or limitations upon Respondent's registration to practice as a pharmacy technician in the state of New Jersey in the event that his registration is reinstated.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Edward G. McGinley  
Edward G. McGinley, R.Ph.  
Board President

I have read the within Order and agree to its terms.

X [Signature]  
Christopher Petronzio

Consent as to form and entry:

[Signature]  
Susan Cardone, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent