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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 OR :
REVOCAION OF THE LICENSE OF :
 :
 Srinivasa Raju, R.P. :
 License No. 28RI02976100 :
 :
 TO PRACTICE PHARMACY :
 IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
**INTERIM CONSENT ORDER
OF SURRENDER**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy ("Board") upon receipt of information that Srinivasa Raju ("Respondent") was the subject of a grand jury indictment filed on or about February 22, 2013 in the Superior Court of New Jersey in Mercer County. The indictment charged Respondent with one (1) count of conspiracy in the second degree to distribute a Schedule II controlled dangerous substance and one (1) count of distribution of a controlled dangerous substance in the second degree, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5a(1), N.J.S.A. 2C:35-5b(4), N.J.S.A. 2C:5-2, and N.J.S.A. 2C:2-6.

Specifically, it is alleged that between May 13 and December 29, 2011, Respondent conspired with Dr. Vincent A. Esposito to illegally distribute Oxycodone to individuals who did not have a prescription, or who received prescriptions from Dr. Esposito without being examined or treated. Dr. Esposito and Respondent allegedly conspired to have those individuals fill their prescriptions at Bottle Hill Pharmacy, where Respondent was the pharmacist-in-charge. It is further alleged that Respondent dispensed Oxycodone pills without a prescription and/or knowing that the prescriptions received were invalid.

The Board finds that the allegations, if proven, 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(b), (e), and (f), in that Respondent has engaged in the use of dishonesty, fraud, deception, misrepresentation, false promise, or false pretense; in professional misconduct; and in acts constituting a crime involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the practice of pharmacy.

It appearing that Respondent wishes to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to his defense of the aforementioned indictment, and 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 20th day of MARCH, 2013

ORDERED THAT

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender his license to practice pharmacy in the State of New Jersey pending disposition of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board.
2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from engaging in the practice of pharmacy in New Jersey, which includes but is not limited to the following: Respondent shall not handle, order, inventory, compound, count, fill, refill or dispense any drug; he shall not handle anything requiring a prescription, including devices and medications; he shall not handle prescriptions; he shall not advise or consult with patients, and he is prohibited from being present within a prescription filling area of a pharmacy in New Jersey.
3. Respondent shall surrender his original wall certificate, wallet certificate, and his most recent renewal card contemporaneously with his submission of this Order.
4. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of the Respondent.
5. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in the State or any violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency,

including but not limited to any pending matters under investigation.

6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By: Edward G. McGinley
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Board President

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