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**NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION	:	
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF	:	ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION
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RICHARD J. KARPFF, M.D.	:	CONSENT ORDER OF
LICENSE NO. 25MA04438400	:	REVOCATION
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TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY	:	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners (hereinafter the "Board") upon the filing of a Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender Without Prejudice on March 14, 2003, pursuant to which Richard J. Karpf, M.D. (hereinafter "Respondent") agreed to surrender his license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey pending the outcome of criminal charges against him in New York following his arrest in that state on or about January 8, 2003. On July 1, 2004, Respondent pled guilty to Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, an armed felony in New York. On

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that date Respondent also surrendered his license to practice medicine in New York (see Surrender Order, annexed hereto as Exhibit A).

On February 22, 2012, Respondent appeared with counsel before a Preliminary Evaluation Committee ("Committee") of the Board pursuant to his request for reinstatement of his New Jersey license. Respondent testified that in late 2002 while operating a private psychiatric practice in New York, he became acutely depressed and suffered severe depression and anxiety, although he was unaware of his condition at the time. During this period he confided in a male patient he had been treating for several years prior that he desired to purchase a handgun, silencer and ammunition and seek revenge against six unidentified persons. The patient reported the conversation to the authorities, and Respondent was ultimately arrested and charged after attempting to actually purchase the weapon from an undercover officer. The criminal charges were reported by several media sources and led to civil lawsuits against Respondent by former patients, including the male patient Respondent involved in the illegal procurement of a weapon.

Respondent testified that after his arrest he realized he needed help and sought treatment by a Board-certified psychiatrist. He further testified that although he has not practiced in New Jersey since completing a psychiatric residency in 1987, he would like to practice forensic psychiatry in New Jersey if reinstated.

The Committee recommended denial of Respondent's reinstatement request, and the Board ratified that recommendation on May 9, 2012. The Board finds that Respondent's actions in 2003, including involving his patient in a plot to illegally obtain a weapon for the purpose of causing harm to others, actions to which Respondent pled guilty in 2004 and to which he testified before the Committee on February 22, 2012, constitute multiple grounds for which the Board may suspend or revoke Respondent's license, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 et seq., including but not limited to: N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e) (holder of license engaged in professional or occupational misconduct, as determined by the board), 45:1-21(f) (holder of license pleads guilty to, or engages in acts constituting, any crime or offense involving moral turpitude), 45:1-21(g) (holder of license has had his authority to engage in Board-regulated activity revoked or suspended by any other state), and 45:9-6 (holder of license exhibits qualities inconsistent with ongoing requirement of good moral character).

The parties desire to resolve this matter without need for formal disciplinary proceedings, and the Board, being satisfied that the need for such proceedings is obviated by the within Order, that the within Order adequately protects the public health, safety, and welfare, and that other good cause exists to support entry of the Order,

IT IS ON THIS 15th day of August 2013

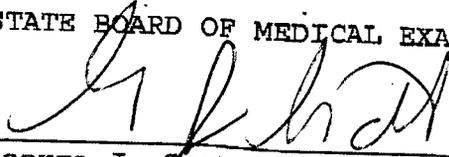
ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of Respondent, Richard J. Karpf, M.D, to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey is hereby revoked. Respondent shall continue to comply with the Directives Applicable to Any Medical Board Licensee Who is Disciplined, which are attached hereto and incorporated herein.

2. Respondent may not petition the Board for licensure reinstatement unless and until Respondent's license to practice as a physician in the State of New York is fully reinstated and unrestricted.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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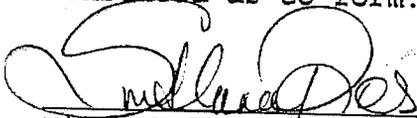

George J. Scott, D.P.M., D.O.
President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I hereby give my consent to the State Board of Medical Examiners to enter this Order.


Richard J. Karpf, M.D.
Respondent

Date: 7/31/2013

Consented as to form.


~~Michael J. Schoppmann, Esq.~~
Attorney for Respondent,
Richard J. Karpf, M.D.

Date: 8/9/13

**DIRECTIVES APPLICABLE TO ANY MEDICAL BOARD LICENSEE
WHO IS DISCIPLINED OR WHOSE SURRENDER OF LICENSURE
HAS BEEN ACCEPTED**

APPROVED BY THE BOARD ON MAY 10, 2000

All licensees who are the subject of a disciplinary order of the Board are required to provide the information required on the Addendum to these Directives. The information provided will be maintained separately and will not be part of the public document filed with the Board. Failure to provide the information required may result in further disciplinary action for failing to cooperate with the Board, as required by N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1 et seq. Paragraphs 1 through 4 below shall apply when a license is suspended or revoked or permanently surrendered, with or without prejudice. Paragraph 5 applies to licensees who are the subject of an order which, while permitting continued practice, contains a probation or monitoring requirement.

1. Document Return and Agency Notification

The licensee shall promptly forward to the Board office at Post Office Box 183, 140 East Front Street, 2nd floor, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0183, the original license, current biennial registration and, if applicable, the original CDS registration. In addition, if the licensee holds a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) registration, he or she shall promptly advise the DEA of the licensure action. (With respect to suspensions of a finite term, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee may contact the Board office for the return of the documents previously surrendered to the Board. In addition, at the conclusion of the term, the licensee should contact the DEA to advise of the resumption of practice and to ascertain the impact of that change upon his/her DEA registration.)

2. Practice Cessation

The licensee shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of medicine in this State. This prohibition not only bars a licensee from rendering professional services, but also from providing an opinion as to professional practice or its application, or representing him/herself as being eligible to practice. (Although the licensee need not affirmatively advise patients or others of the revocation, suspension or surrender, the licensee must truthfully disclose his/her licensure status in response to inquiry.) The disciplined licensee is also prohibited from occupying, sharing or using office space in which another licensee provides health care services. The disciplined licensee may contract for, accept payment from another licensee for or rent at fair market value office premises and/or equipment. In no case may the disciplined licensee authorize, allow or condone the use of his/her provider number by any health care practice or any other licensee or health care provider. (In situations where the licensee has been suspended for less than one year, the licensee may accept payment from another professional who is using his/her office during the period that the licensee is suspended, for the payment of salaries for office staff employed at the time of the Board action.)

A licensee whose license has been revoked, suspended for one (1) year or more or permanently surrendered must remove signs and take affirmative action to stop advertisements by which his/her eligibility to practice is represented. The licensee must also take steps to remove his/her name from professional listings, telephone directories, professional stationery, or billings. If the licensee's name is utilized in a group practice title, it shall be deleted. Prescription pads bearing the licensee's name shall be destroyed. A destruction report form obtained from the Office of Drug Control (973-504-6558) must be filed. If no other licensee is providing services at the location, all medications must be removed and returned to the manufacturer, if possible, destroyed or safeguarded. (In situations where a license has been suspended for less than one year, prescription pads and medications need not be destroyed but must be secured in a locked place for safekeeping.)

3. Practice Income Prohibitions/Divestiture of Equity Interest in Professional Service Corporations and Limited Liability Companies

A licensee shall not charge, receive or share in any fee for professional services rendered by him/herself or others while barred from engaging in the professional practice. The licensee may be compensated for the reasonable value of services lawfully rendered and disbursements incurred on a patient's behalf prior to the effective date of the Board action.

A licensee who is a shareholder in a professional service corporation organized to engage in the professional practice, whose license is revoked, surrendered or suspended for a term of one (1) year or more shall be deemed to be disqualified from the practice within the meaning of the Professional Service Corporation Act. (N.J.S.A. 14A:17-11). A disqualified licensee shall divest him/herself of all financial interest in the professional service corporation pursuant to N.J.S.A. 14A:17-13(c). A licensee who is a member of a limited liability company organized pursuant to N.J.S.A. 42:1-44, shall divest him/herself of all financial interest. Such divestiture shall occur within 90 days following the the entry of the Order rendering the licensee disqualified to participate in the applicable form of ownership. Upon divestiture, a licensee shall forward to the Board a copy of documentation forwarded to the Secretary of State, Commercial Reporting Division, demonstrating that the interest has been terminated. If the licensee is the sole shareholder in a professional service corporation, the corporation must be dissolved within 90 days of the licensee's disqualification.

4. Medical Records

If, as a result of the Board's action, a practice is closed or transferred to another location, the licensee shall ensure that during the three (3) month period following the effective date of the disciplinary order, a message will be delivered to patients calling the former office premises, advising where records may be obtained. The message should inform patients of the names and telephone numbers of the licensee (or his/her attorney) assuming custody of the records. The same information shall also be disseminated by means of a notice to be published at least once per month for three (3) months in a newspaper of

general circulation in the geographic vicinity in which the practice was conducted. At the end of the three month period, the licensee shall file with the Board the name and telephone number of the contact person who will have access to medical records of former patients. Any change in that individual or his/her telephone number shall be promptly reported to the Board. When a patient or his/her representative requests a copy of his/her medical record or asks that record be forwarded to another health care provider, the licensee shall promptly provide the record without charge to the patient.

5. Probation/Monitoring Conditions

With respect to any licensee who is the subject of any Order imposing a probation or monitoring requirement or a stay of an active suspension, in whole or in part, which is conditioned upon compliance with a probation or monitoring requirement, the licensee shall fully cooperate with the Board and its designated representatives, including the Enforcement Bureau of the Division of Consumer Affairs, in ongoing monitoring of the licensee's status and practice. Such monitoring shall be at the expense of the disciplined practitioner.

(a) Monitoring of practice conditions may include, but is not limited to, inspection of the professional premises and equipment, and inspection and copying of patient records (confidentiality of patient identity shall be protected by the Board) to verify compliance with the Board Order and accepted standards of practice.

(b) Monitoring of status conditions for an impaired practitioner may include, but is not limited to, practitioner cooperation in providing releases permitting unrestricted access to records and other information to the extent permitted by law from any treatment facility, other treating practitioner, support group or other individual/facility involved in the education, treatment, monitoring or oversight of the practitioner, or maintained by a rehabilitation program for impaired practitioners. If bodily substance monitoring has been ordered, the practitioner shall fully cooperate by responding to a demand for breath, blood, urine or other sample in a timely manner and providing the designated sample.

**NOTICE OF REPORTING PRACTICES OF BOARD
REGARDING DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS**

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3(3), all orders of the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners are available for public inspection. Should any inquiry be made concerning the status of a licensee, the inquirer will be informed of the existence of the order and a copy will be provided if requested. All evidentiary hearings, proceedings on motions or other applications which are conducted as public hearings and the record, including the transcript and documents marked in evidence, are available for public inspection, upon request.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Subtitle A 60.8, the Board is obligated to report to the National Practitioners Data Bank any action relating to a physician which is based on reasons relating to professional competence or professional conduct:

- (1) Which revokes or suspends (or otherwise restricts) a license,
- (2) Which censures, reprimands or places on probation,
- (3) Under which a license is surrendered.

Pursuant to 45 CFR Section 61.7, the Board is obligated to report to the Healthcare Integrity and Protection (HIP) Data Bank, any formal or official actions, such as revocation or suspension of a license (and the length of any such suspension), reprimand, censure or probation or any other loss of license or the right to apply for, or renew, a license of the provider, supplier, or practitioner, whether by operation of law, voluntary surrender, non-renewability, or otherwise, or any other negative action or finding by such Federal or State agency that is publicly available information.

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:9-19.13, if the Board refuses to issue, suspends, revokes or otherwise places conditions on a license or permit, it is obligated to notify each licensed health care facility and health maintenance organization with which a licensee is affiliated and every other board licensee in this state with whom he or she is directly associated in private medical practice.

In accordance with an agreement with the Federation of State Medical Boards of the United States, a list of all disciplinary orders are provided to that organization on a monthly basis.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear on the public agenda for the next monthly Board meeting and is forwarded to those members of the public requesting a copy. In addition, the same summary will appear in the minutes of that Board meeting, which are also made available to those requesting a copy.

Within the month following entry of an order, a summary of the order will appear in a Monthly Disciplinary Action Listing which is made available to those members of the public requesting a copy.

On a periodic basis the Board disseminates to its licensees a newsletter which includes a brief description of all of the orders entered by the Board.

From time to time, the Press Office of the Division of Consumer Affairs may issue releases including the summaries of the content of public orders.

Nothing herein is intended in any way to limit the Board, the Division or the Attorney General from disclosing any public document.

EXHIBIT A

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
RICHARD JAMES KARPFF, M.D.

SURRENDER
ORDER

BPMC No. 04-157

Upon the application of (Respondent) RICHARD JAMES KARPFF, M.D. to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which is made a part of this Surrender Order, it is

ORDERED, that the Surrender, and its terms, are adopted and SO ORDERED, and it is further

ORDERED, that the name of Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, either

- by mailing of a copy of this Consent Order, either by first class mail to Respondent at the address in the attached Consent Agreement or by certified mail to Respondent's attorney, OR
- upon facsimile transmission to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, Whichever is first.

SO ORDERED.

DATED: 7-16-04


MICHAEL A. GONZALEZ, R.P.A.
Vice Chair
State Board for Professional Medical Conduct

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
RICHARD JAMES KARPf, M.D.

SURRENDER
of
LICENSE

RICHARD JAMES KARPf, M.D., representing that all of the following statements are true, deposes and says:

That on or about October 17, 1983, I was licensed to practice as a physician in the State of New York, and issued License No. J56127 by the New York State Education Department.

My current address is 1 Kensington Gate, Great Neck, N.Y., and I will advise the Director of the Office of Professional Medical Conduct of any change of address.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with two specifications of professional misconduct.

A copy of the Statement of Charges, marked as Exhibit "A", is attached to and part of this Surrender of License.

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for permission to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York on the grounds that I agree not to contest the Statement of Charges, in full satisfaction of the charges against me.

I ask the Board to accept the Surrender of my License and further agree that the Board shall impose, Pursuant to §230-a(6) of the Public Health Law, a limitation precluding registration or issuance of any further license to practice medicine in the State of New York.

I understand that if the Board does not accept this Surrender, none of its terms

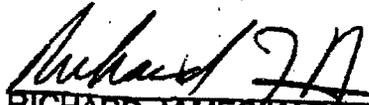
shall bind me or constitute an admission of any of the acts of alleged misconduct; this application shall not be used against me in any way and shall be kept in strict confidence; and the Board's denial shall be without prejudice to the pending disciplinary proceeding and the Board's final determination pursuant to the Public Health Law.

I agree that, if the Board accepts the Surrender of my License, the Chair of the Board shall issue a Surrender Order in accordance with its terms. I agree that this Order shall take effect upon its issuance by the Board, either by mailing of a copy of the Surrender Order by first class mail to me at the address in this Surrender of License, or to my attorney by certified mail, OR upon facsimile transmission to me or my attorney, whichever is first.

I ask the Board to accept this Surrender of License of my own free will and not under duress, compulsion or restraint. In consideration of the value to me of the Board's acceptance of this Surrender of License, allowing me to resolve this matter without the various risks and burdens of a hearing on the merits, I knowingly waive my right to contest the Surrender Order for which I apply, whether administratively or judicially, and I agree to be bound by the Surrender Order. With respect to the further sanction pursuant to §230-a(6) of the Public Health Law, I stipulate that I have received substantial benefit, in the resolution of the matter referred to in Paragraph A of Exhibit "A", by virtue of entering into this agreement and will be bound this agreement.

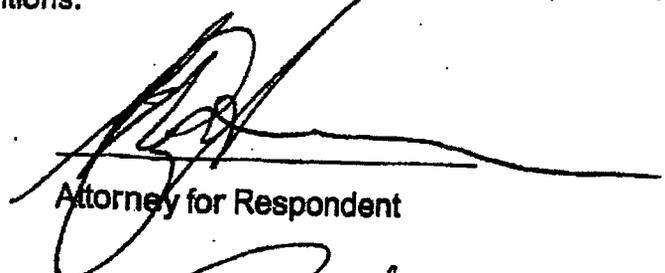
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7/1/04


RICHARD JAMES KARPf, M.D.
RESPONDENT

The undersigned agree to Respondent's attached Surrender of License and to its proposed penalty, terms and conditions.

DATE: 7/1/04



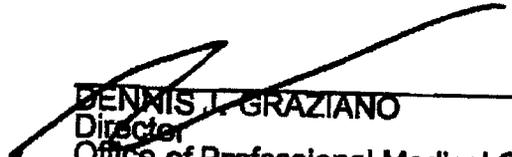
Attorney for Respondent

DATE: 7/6/04



Roy Nemerson
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

DATE: 7/14/04



DENNIS J. GRAZIANO
Director
Office of Professional Medical Conduct

EXHIBIT "A"

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

OF

RICHARD JAMES KARPf, M.D.

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

RICHARD JAMES KARPf, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York State on or about October 17, 1983, by the issuance of license number/56127 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- A. On or about July, 1, 2004, Respondent entered a guilty plea to Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Third Degree, an armed felony in violation of §265.02, subdivision 4 of the Penal Law of the State of New York, in Supreme Court, Nassau County.
- B. Respondent inappropriately involved a patient of his psychiatric practice in the procurement of a weapon.

SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES

FIRST SPECIFICATION

CRIMINAL CONVICTION (N.Y.S.)

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(9)(a)(i) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under New York state law as alleged in the facts of the following:

1. Paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

MORAL UNFITNESS

Respondent is charged with committing professional misconduct as defined in N.Y. Educ. Law §6530(20) by engaging in conduct in the practice of the profession of medicine that evidences moral unfitness to practice as alleged in the facts of the following:

2. Paragraphs A and B

DATED:

J. N.
June 7, 2004
New York, New York



Roy Nemerson
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional
Medical Conduct