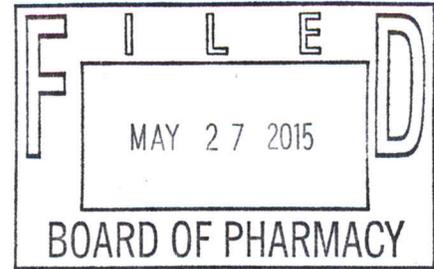


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DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
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STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF

**CONSENT ORDER**

**MELANIE OLSEN, R.P.**  
**License No.: 28RI02815700**

TO PRACTICE PHARMACY IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy ("the Board") upon receipt of a complaint on May 24, 2013, alleging respondent, Melanie Olsen, then a pharmacy manager at the Sam Club Pharmacy Department (SCPD) located at 320 West Main Street, Freehold, New Jersey, dispensed medications to individuals without valid prescriptions and paid for the medication using third party insurance. In a letter dated August 6, 2013, to the Board, Mrs. Olson denied the allegations against her. Respondent claimed the complainant, her then brother-in-law, sought to retaliate against respondent for supporting her sister; who was pursuing a divorce against the complainant. Respondent acknowledged she filled, paid for and delivered prescriptions for various family members but only in connection with valid prescriptions.

Subsequently, an investigation revealed that Respondent dispensed several unauthorized Prescription Legend Drugs over an extended period of time. At least five prescribers reviewed copies of the telephone prescriptions dispensed by Respondent and denied ever prescribing the medication.

On May 15, 2014, respondent admitted to police that she filled prescription medication for herself and her family without authorization from the prescribers. Consequently, a complaint and summons was issued alleging respondent forged Prescription Legend Drugs while employed at Sam's Club, for a period of three years. Respondent was charged with one count of Forgery under N.J.S.A. 2C:21-1A(2) and one count of obtaining a Prescription Legend Drug by Deception in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10.5(d). Respondent pled guilty to violating N.J.S.A. 2C:21-1A(2) and was sentenced on January 12, 2015. She was placed in the PTI program whereby she is placed on probation for three years. If she successfully completes probation, the charges against her will be dismissed.

The Board finds that Respondent has repeatedly engaged in the use or employment of dishonesty, fraud, deception and misrepresentation; engaged professional misconduct; and engaged in conduct relating adversely to the practice of pharmacy in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b) (e) and (f) insofar as she created fraudulent prescriptions, dispensed medications to individuals without valid prescriptions and paid for medication by fraudulent prescriptions using third party insurance. Furthermore, when questioned by the Board regarding her conduct, Respondent attempted to deceive the Board and claimed that she had valid prescriptions for all medication she dispensed for family members.

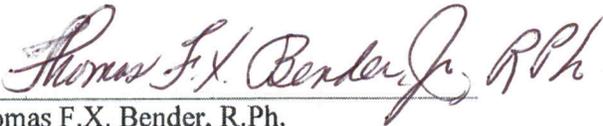
Respondent, being desirous of resolving this matter without the necessity of further formal proceedings, and agreeing to waive any right to same, and the Board having determined that this Order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and all parties agreeing to the terms of this Order;

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 27 day of May, 2015,  
ORDERED THAT:**

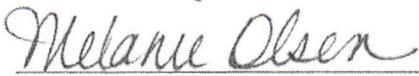
1. Respondent's license shall be suspended for a minimum of two years and until further Order of this Board.
2. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty in the amount of \$10,000.00 prior to any application for reinstatement of her license to practice pharmacy. Payment shall be made by bank check, money order, wire transfer or credit card made payable to the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy and mailed to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy, ATTN: Anthony Rubinaccio, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment.
2. Prior to Board consideration of any application for reinstatement, Respondent shall fully comply with this Order and shall provide the following documents to the Board, which shall all be to the satisfaction of the Board:
  - a. Proof of successful completion of all application requirements including a criminal history background check with results that are satisfactory to the Board, payment of all reinstatement fees and payment in full of the civil penalty imposed by this Order;
  - b. Documentation of her successful completion of the Multi-state Pharmacy Jurisprudence Examination (MPJE) with a score of 75 or better.

c. Documentation of successful completion, at her own expense, of either the ProBe or Prime ethics course. Successful completion means that all sessions were attended, all assignments were properly and appropriately completed, and a passing grade was achieved which was unconditional and without reservations.

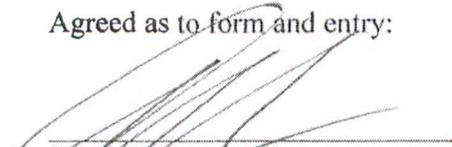
NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

By:   
Thomas F.X. Bender, R.Ph.  
President

I have read the within Order and understand its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order by the New Jersey Board of Pharmacy.

  
Melanie Olsen, R.Ph.

Agreed as to form and entry:

  
Dominick Gullo, Esq.  
Attorney for Respondent