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RE: I/M/O Stephen D. Freedman, R.Ph. - Interim Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of License

Dear Mr. Honecker,

Enclosed herewith, please find a "filed" copy of the Interim Consent Order of Voluntary Surrender of License (Order) entered with regard to the above referenced matter. Please advise your client to read this Order carefully, as he may be subject to additional discipline if he does not comply with the terms of the Order.

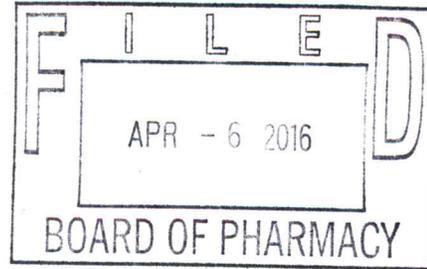
Sincerely,

Anthony Rubinaccio, R.Ph.
Executive Director
New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy

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

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF</p> <p>Stephen D. Freedman, R.Ph. License No. 28RI02423900</p> <p>TO PRACTICE AS A PHARMACIST IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY</p>	<p>Administrative Action</p> <p>INTERIM CONSENT ORDER OF VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE</p>
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Pharmacy (“Board”) upon receipt of information that Stephen Freedman (“Respondent”) was charged on October 20, 2015 by the Tinton Falls Police Department with knowingly or purposely obtaining or possessing a controlled dangerous substance or a controlled substance analog that was not obtained directly from a practitioner or under valid prescription issued by a practitioner, in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(a).

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent has engaged in acts constituting crimes of moral turpitude and crimes which relate adversely to the practice of

pharmacy in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

It appearing that Respondent wishes to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement without making admissions and without prejudice to Respondent's ability to defend the allegations against him; and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of public health, safety and welfare, and other good cause having been shown;

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 6th day of April, 2016

ORDERED THAT:

1. Respondent is hereby granted leave and shall immediately surrender his license to practice as a pharmacist in the State of New Jersey pending resolution of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board.

2. Respondent shall surrender his original wall registration, wallet registration, and the most recent renewal card of his registration to the Executive Director of the Board immediately upon the entry of this Order by mailing same to Anthony Rubinaccio, Executive Director, Board of Pharmacy, Post Office Box 45013, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent shall cease and desist from engaging in the practice of pharmacy, 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 any area of pharmacy which is not open to the general public, including, but not limited to a prescription filling area of a pharmacy.

4. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above. 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 violation 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. This is an interim order that does not preclude the Board from taking disciplinary action on the alleged conduct detailed herein.

5. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of the Respondent.

6. Upon resolution of the criminal allegations, Respondent may apply for reinstatement of Respondent's license to practice as a pharmacist.

7. Upon any application for reinstatement of Respondent's license to practice as a pharmacist, the Board, in its discretion, may impose any conditions or restrictions on licensure it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY

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

Stephen Freedman
Stephen Freedman, R.Ph.