STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF PHARMACY

vs.

STEVEN ARRUDA, R.Ph.

## CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (1999 Reenactment) Section 5-19.1-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health, Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter "Department") has investigated a complaint charging Steven Arruda, R.Ph.(hereinafter "Respondent"), with a violation of Chapter 5-19.1 of the Rules and Regulations.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times Respondent was employed at CVS, Store #733, 2400 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, RI.
3. That on or about June 2006, while employed as a pharmacist at CVS, Store #733, you did fraudulently fill prescriptions for your own use.

The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a pharmacist licensed to practice pharmacy in the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final approval by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final approval by the Department.

4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:

a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;

b) The right to produce witnesses and present evidence in her behalf at a hearing;

c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;

d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;

e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;

f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;

g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;

h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;

i) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.

5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties.

6. Respondent admits the allegations contained above.

7. Respondent shall agree to voluntary surrender of his license as a pharmacist for an indefinite period of time. The Respondent may reapply for licensure as a pharmacist following a minimum period of one (1) year. Said reinstatement shall be subject to Board approval.

Steven Arruda, R.Ph.

Chairperson
Board of Pharmacy

Ratified as an Order of the Board of Pharmacy on this 20th day of July 2006.

CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that I have mailed the within Consent Order by regular and certified mail, postage prepaid to Steven Arruda, 100 Carolyn Drive, West Warwick, RI 02893 on this _____ day of _____ 2006.

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