

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

vs.

LAWRENCE R. GUERKE (RPH01995)

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws (1999 Reenactment) Sections 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 Lawrence R. Guerke, RPh (hereinafter "Respondent"), with violations of the Rhode Island Uniform Controlled Substances Act Chapter 21-28 of the RIGL and 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 registered pharmacist in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That between February 2007 and September 2008, Respondent created at least forty-one (41) unauthorized prescriptions, including schedule IV controlled substances. Respondent created and dispensed these unauthorized prescriptions for himself, family members, and his pet while practicing at Wal-Mart located at 548 CC Camp Road, Elkin, North Carolina.

Pursuant to Section 5-19.1-21, this conduct constitutes unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island and, as such, is grounds to suspend Respondent's license for a period of 1 year effective upon the date of the execution of this Consent Order, provided, however, said

suspension shall be stayed and Respondent shall serve a 2 year period of probation subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

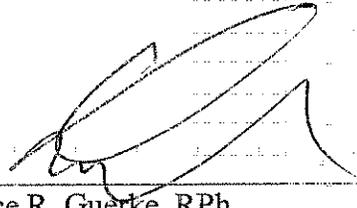
The parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent is a registered pharmacist and is able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of 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 ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification 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 evidence in its 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 the Department reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the hearing committee presiding over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative hearing.
 - j) 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 and accepted by the Department.
 6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
 7. Respondent agrees to a suspension of his license for a period of 1 year; provided, however, said suspension shall be stayed and Respondent shall serve a 2 year period of probation.
 8. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

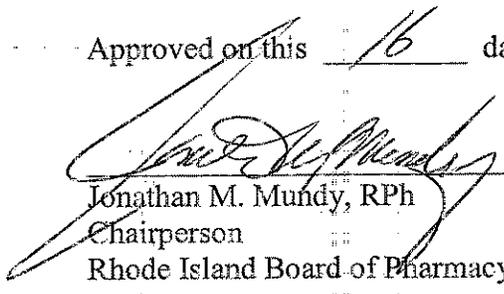
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Date



Lawrence R. Guerke, RPh
License # RPH01995

Approved on this 16 day of DECEMBER 2010



Jonathan M. Mundy, RPh
Chairperson
Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy