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Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Dr.P.H. Commissioner

Dennis P. Whalen Executive Deputy Commissioner

August 29, 2000

Mr. Robert Bentley, Director Division of Professional Licensing Services New York State Education Department Cultural Education Center Empire State Plaza Albany, NY 12230

RE:

Virginia Martinez, M.D.

License No. 212049

Dear Mr. Bentley:

Enclosed is a copy of a Commissioner's Order and Notice of Hearing which summarily suspends Dr. Virginia Martinez's right to practice medicine in the State of New York. This Order was issued on August 28, 2000, and shall remain in effect until further notice.

Sincerely,

Anne F. Saile

Director

Office of Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

cc: Daniel Kelleher

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

IN THE MATTER

OF

VIRGINIA MARTINEZ, M.D.

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: VIRGINIA MARTINEZ, M.D. 1131 123rd Street College Point, New York 11356

The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, after an investigation, upon the recommendation of a committee on professional medical conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, and upon the Statement of Charges attached hereto and made a part hereof, has determined that **Virginia Martinez**, **M.D.**, has been found guilty of committing an act constituting a felony under New York State law, in the County of New York, Superior Court of the State of New York.

It is therefore,

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12)(b), that effective immediately, **Virginia Martinez**, **M.D.**, Respondent, shall not practice medicine in the State of New York. This Order shall remain in effect unless modified or vacated by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act Sections 301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct on the 20th day of September, 2000, at 10:00 am in the forenoon at Hedley Park Place, 5th Floor, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180, and at such other adjourned dates, times, and places as the committee may direct. The Respondent may file an answer to the Statement of Charges with the belownamed attorney for the Department of Health.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, which is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. The Respondent shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel. The Respondent has the right to produce witnesses and evidence on her behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on her behalf for the production of witnesses and documents, and to cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against her. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered which would show that conviction would not be a crime in New York State. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed. Pursuant to Section 301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge, a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

The hearing will proceed whether or not the Respondent appears at the hearing. Scheduled hearing dates are considered dates certain and, therefore, adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Administrative Law Judge's Office, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York 12180, (518-402-0751), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and, in the event any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty or sanction to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct.

THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A
DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO
PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE
BE REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT
YOU MAY BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER

SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC HEALTH LAW SECTION 230-a. YOU ARE URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY IN THIS MATTER.

DATED: Albany, New York

August 28, 2000

ANTONIA C. NOVELLO, M.D., M.P.H

Commissioner

Inquiries should be addressed to:

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER

STATEMENT

OF

OF

VIRGINIA MARTINEZ, M.D.

CHARGES

Virginia Martinez, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on September 9, 1998, by the issuance of license number 212049 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about April 25, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of New York, the Respondent was found guilty of Attempt to Commit the Crime of Assault in the Second Degree, a felony, and on or about May 31, 2000 was sentenced to five (5) years probation.

SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(i) by reason of having been found guilty of committing a crime under the New York state law, In that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in paragraph A.

DATED: 8/28, 2000

BRIAN M. MURPHY, ESQ.

Chief Counsel

Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct