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December 20, 2001

CERTIFIED MAIL-RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Laurence Merritt Raiford, M.D.
1017 Exeter A
Boca Raton, FL 33434

RE: License No. 152445

Dear Dr. Raiford:

Enclosed please find Order #BPMC 01-312 of the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct. This Order and any penalty provided therein goes into effect December 20, 2001.

If the penalty imposed by the Order is a surrender, revocation or suspension of this license, you are required to deliver to the Board the license and registration within five (5) days of receipt of the Order to Board for Professional Medical Conduct, New York State Department of Health, Hedley Park Place, Suite 303, 433 River Street, Troy, New York 12180.

Sincerely,

Ansel R. Marks, M.D., J.D.
Executive Secretary
Board for Professional Medical Conduct

Enclosure

STATE OF NEW YORK : DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
LAURENCE MERRITT RAIFORD, M.D.
CO-01-06-3175-A

SURRENDER
ORDER
BPMC No. 01-312

LAURENCE MERRITT RAIFORD, M.D., says:

On or about November 5, 1982, I was licensed to practice medicine as a physician in the State of New York having been issued License No. 152445 by the New York State Education Department. I currently reside at 1017 Exeter A, Boca Raton, FL 33434.

I am not currently registered with the New York State Education Department to practice as a physician in the State of New York.

I understand that the New York State Board for Professional Medical Conduct has charged me with three (3) specifications of professional misconduct as set forth in the Statement of Charges, annexed hereto, made a part hereof, and marked as Exhibit "A."

I am applying to the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct for an agreement to allow me to surrender my license as a physician in the State of New York and request that the Board issue this Surrender Order.

I have not practiced medicine in New York State since 1982, and I do not intend to return to practice medicine in New York. I, therefore, agree not to contest Factual Allegations A, B, and C(2), and the First and Third specifications set forth in the Statement of Charges (Exhibit A).

I understand that in the event that this proposed agreement is not granted by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, nothing contained herein shall be binding upon me or construed to be an admission of any act of misconduct alleged or charged against me, such proposed agreement shall not be used against me in any way, and shall be kept in strict

confidence during the pendency of the professional misconduct disciplinary proceeding; and such denial by the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct shall be made without prejudice to the continuance of any disciplinary proceeding and the final determination by a Committee on Professional Medical Conduct pursuant to the provisions of the Public Health Law.

I agree that, in the event the Board grants my Application, as set forth herein, an order of the Chairperson of the Board shall be issued in accordance with same upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy of the Order to me at the address set forth above or to my attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to me or my attorney, whichever is first.

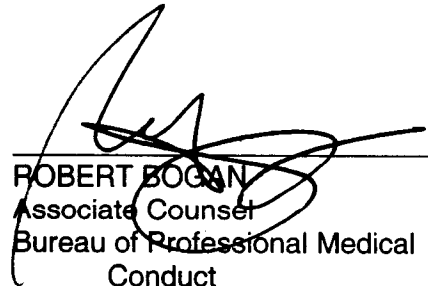
I am making this agreement of my own free will and accord and not under duress, compulsion or restraint of any kind or manner.

Date: December 14, 2001



LAURENCE MERRITT RAIFORD, M.D.
Respondent

AGREED TO:

Date: 18 December, 2001


ROBERT BOGAN
Associate Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical
Conduct

Date: 19 December, 2001


DENNIS J. GRAZIANO
Director, Office of Professional
Medical Conduct

STATE OF NEW YORK

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

IN THE MATTER
OF
LAUERENCE MERRITT RAIFORD, M.D.
AKA
LAWRENCE MICHAEL RUSSO, M.D.
CO-01-06-3175-A

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

LAUERENCE MERRITT RAIFORD, M.D., AKA LAWRENCE MICHAEL RUSSO, M.D., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine in New York state on November 5, 1982, by the issuance of license number 152445 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about April 24, 1989, in the Manatee County Court, Manatee County Florida, the Respondent was found guilty of Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, 2nd Degree, a misdemeanor, and was sentenced to one (1) year probation, drivers license suspension, a \$453.00 fine, community service, and to attend DWI school.

B. On or about April 17, 2001, the State of Florida, Board of Medicine (hereinafter "Florida Board"), by a Final Order (hereinafter "Florida Order"), required Respondent to pay a \$250.00 administrative fee and \$615.37 costs and complete three (3) hours of CME in the area of ethics, based upon his failure to report the conviction described in Paragraph A above on a Mandatory Practitioner Profile Questionnaire for re-licensing.

C. The conduct resulting in the Florida Board disciplinary action against Respondent would constitute misconduct under the laws of New York state, pursuant to the following sections of New York state Law:

1. New York Education Law §6530(2) (practicing the profession fraudulently);
2. New York Education Law §6530(16) (failure to comply with federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations governing the practice of medicine); and/or
3. New York Education Law §6530(21) (willfully making or filing a false report, or failing to file a report required by law or by the department of health of the education department).

SPECIFICATIONS

FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(a)(iii) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under the law of another jurisdiction and which if committed within this state would have constituted a crime under New York state law, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraph A.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(b) by having been found guilty of improper professional practice or professional misconduct by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state where the conduct upon which the finding was based would, if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws of New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A, B, and/or C.


THIRD SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(9)(d) by having had disciplinary action taken after a disciplinary action was instituted by a duly authorized professional disciplinary agency of another state, where the conduct resulting in the disciplinary action would,

if committed in New York state, constitute professional misconduct under the laws New York state, in that Petitioner charges:

3. The facts in paragraphs A, B, and/or C.

DATED: *Oct. 12*, 2001
Albany, New York


PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct

ORDER

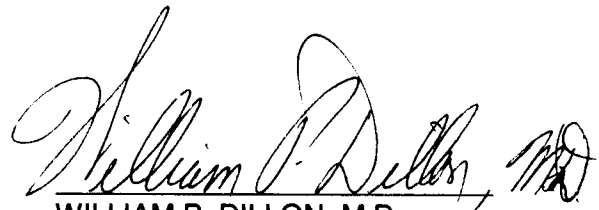
Upon the proposed agreement of **LAURENCE MERRITT RAIFORD, M.D.**, to Surrender his license as a physician in the State of New York, which proposed agreement is made a part hereof, it is AGREED TO and

ORDERED, that the proposed agreement and the provisions thereof are hereby adopted; it is further

ORDERED, that the name of the Respondent be stricken from the roster of physicians in the State of New York; it is further

ORDERED, that this Order shall be effective upon issuance by the Board, which may be accomplished by mailing, by first class mail, a copy to Respondent at the addresses set forth in this agreement or to Respondent's attorney or upon transmission via facsimile to Respondent or Respondent's attorney, whichever is earliest.

DATED: 12/20, 2001


WILLIAM P. DILLON, M.D.
Chair
State Board for Professional
Medical Conduct