

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
JORDAN ROWLAND, PHARM. D.	*	MARYLAND STATE
LICENSE NO. 23030	*	BOARD OF PHARMACY
Respondent	*	Case No. 17-010

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**FINAL CONSENT ORDER**

Based on information received and a subsequent investigation by the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), and subject to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. and 2017 Supp.) (the "Act"), the Board charged Jordan Rowland, Pharm. D., License No. 23030 (the "Respondent"), with violations of the Act. Specifically, the Board charged the Respondent with violating § 12-313(b)(22) of the Act, which states:

- (b) Subject to the hearing provisions of § 12-315 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license to any applicant, reprimand any licensee, place any licensee on probation, or suspend or revoke a license if the applicant or licensee:
  - (22) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or *nolo contendere* to a felony or to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside [;].

The Respondent was given notice of the issues underlying the Board's charges by letter dated December 20, 2017. Accordingly, a Case Resolution Conference was held on February 28, 2018.

Following the Case Resolution Conference, the parties and the Board agreed to resolve the matter by way of settlement as set forth below.

## FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice pharmacy in Maryland. The Respondent was first issued a Maryland pharmacist license on December 10, 2014. The Respondent's license expires on April 30, 2020.

2. On July 19, 2016, the Respondent contacted the Board's email center to inform the Board that he was in possession of "lewd photographs of children." The Respondent further stated that he had seen a psychiatrist and that the police would be able to verify this.

3. Because of the nature of the communication, the Board notified the local police department, which informed the Board that a Task Force on Child Crimes would be handling the investigation.

4. Subsequently, a search warrant was served on the Respondent and the Task Force seized several computers within the Respondent's residence. As a result of the investigation and seizure, on July 13, 2016, the Respondent was arrested and charged with 12 counts.

5. On November 15, 2016, in the Circuit Court for Worcester County, the Respondent pled guilty to and was convicted of Count Four: Possession of Child Pornography. He was ordered to serve a jail term of 90 days, all suspended. He was placed on Probation for two years and six months under the COMET program<sup>1</sup> and was fined \$500. The Respondent was also required to register as a "Tier I" sex offender on the Sex Offender Registry.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "COMET" is an acronym for Collaborative Offender Management Enforcement Treatment. A probationer on COMET supervision is required to comply with a sexual offender management program, which may include intensive reporting requirements, specialized sex offender treatment, and computer monitoring, among other things.

<sup>2</sup> A Tier I sex offender must register in person with local law enforcement and must continue to register in person every six (6) months for 15 years.

6. A court-ordered evaluator found that the Respondent was a low risk to reoffend and recommended continued mental health treatment. The Respondent's probation officer reported that the Respondent had been fully compliant with the terms of his probation and was a "role model" for his peers in treatment, and further recommended that the Respondent continue his employment as a term of his probation. The Respondent's employers all stated that his employment has been exemplary in terms of effort and attendance. The Respondent has continued to be compliant with his treatment and the terms of his probation.

7. The psychiatric evaluation provided to the above Court and to the Board, as well as the recommendations of the Respondent's probation officer, were considered by the Board in its acceptance of the recommended sanctions below.

8. As set forth above, the Respondent's actions, which led to his pleading guilty to a crime of moral turpitude, are a violation of § 12-313(b)(22) of the Act.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board finds that Respondent violated §12-313(b)(22) of the Act.

### **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018, by a majority of the Board, hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's license to practice pharmacy be placed on PROBATION for a period of THREE (3) YEARS, *nunc pro tunc* to April 30, 2018, during which the Respondent shall:

1. Comply with all terms of his criminal probation and sex offender registration and, if possible, ensure that his probation officer provides quarterly reports to the Board;
2. Continue individual mental health counseling and ensure that his counselor provides quarterly reports to the Board;
3. Sign up for and complete a minimum three (3) hour continuing education course on ethics;
4. Notify the Board immediately within five (5) days if he reoffends or violates his probation or registration requirements; and
5. Be responsible for all costs in carrying out the above provisions; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall practice at all time in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of pharmacy in Maryland; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that after three (3) years of probation, the Respondent may petition the Board to terminate probation, provided that he has been fully compliant with the terms of probation and does not have any pending complaints filed against him; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's execution of this Consent Order shall constitute a release of any and all medical records, including psychological/psychiatric records, pertaining to the Respondent to the Board in complying with the terms and conditions set forth herein; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall at all times cooperate with the Board in the


monitoring, supervision, and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's failure to fully cooperate with the Board shall be deemed a violation of this Consent Order; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that, in the event the Board finds in good faith that the Respondent has violated any of the terms or conditions of this Consent Order, the Board may impose further disciplinary action against the Respondent's license, including but not limited to suspending or revoking the Respondent's license, provided that the Respondent is first given the opportunity for a hearing; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall bear all expenses associated with this Consent Order; and it is further,

**ORDERED** that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and as such is a public document pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., General Provisions § 4-333(b), and that the Board may disclose same to any national reporting data bank that it is mandated to report to.

  
Kevin Morgan, Pharm. D., President  
Maryland Board of Pharmacy

**CONSENT OF JORDAN ROWLAND, PHARM. D.**

I, JORDAN ROWLAND, Pharm. D., License No. 23030, acknowledge that I am represented by counsel, Paul J. Weber, and have consulted with counsel before entering into this Consent Order.

By this Consent and for the purpose of resolving the issues raised by the Board, I agree and accept to be bound by the foregoing Consent Order and its conditions.

I acknowledge the validity of this Consent Order as if entered into after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by the law. I agree to forego my opportunity to challenge these allegations. I acknowledge the legal authority and jurisdiction of the Board to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order. I affirm that I am waiving my right to appeal any adverse ruling of the Board that might have followed after any such hearing. I acknowledge that this is a formal order of the Board and as such is a public document. I sign this Consent Order voluntarily and without reservation, after having an opportunity to consult with counsel, and I fully understand and comprehend the language, meaning, and terms of this Consent Order.

9/25/18  
Date

Jordan Rowland Pharm.D.  
Jordan Rowland, Pharm.D.

STATE OF Maryland :  
CITY/COUNTY OF Dorchester :

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 25 day of September, 2018, before me, a Notary Public of the aforesaid State and City/County, personally appeared Jordan Rowland and made oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed, and the statements made herein are true and correct.

AS WITNESSETH my hand and notarial seal.

[Signature]  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: 2/15/2022

