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| IN THE MATTER OF | * | BEFORE THE |
| LEON WILSON, LCPC | * | STATE BOARD |
| License No. 1652 (expired) | * | OF |
| Respondent | * | PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS |
| | * | AND THERAPISTS |
| | * | Case No. 2014-45 |

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**FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION
OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR'S LICENSE**

On November 30, 2015, and, pursuant to Md. State Govt. (SG) Code Ann. § 10-226 (c) (1) (2014 Repl. Vol. II), and the Maryland Professional Counselors and Therapists Act (the "Act"), codified at Md. Health Occ. (HO) Code Ann. §§ 17-101 *et seq.*, (2014 Repl. Vol. II), the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists (the "Board") hereby notified **LEON WILSON**, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC), (the "Respondent") of the Board's intent to **REVOKE** the Respondent's LCPC license.

The pertinent provision of **§ 10-226(c) (1)** of SG states:

- (c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a unit may not revoke or suspend a license unless the unit first gives the licensee:
- (i) written notice of the facts that warrant suspension or revocation;
and
 - (ii) an opportunity to be heard.

The pertinent provision of **§ 17-509 of the Act** states:

Subject to the hearing provisions of § 17-511 of this subtitle, the Board, on the affirmative vote of a majority of its members then serving, may deny a license or certificate to any applicant, place any licensee or

certificate holder on probation, reprimand any licensee or certificate holder, or suspend or revoke a license of any licensee or a certificate of any certificate holder if the applicant, licensee, or certificate holder:

- (10) Is convicted of or pleads guilty nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or please set aside[;].

**FACTS THAT WARRANT
THE REVOCATION OF THE RESPONDENT'S LICENSE**

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice clinical professional counseling. The Respondent's license was first issued on December 15, 2003. The Respondent's license expired on January 31, 2014. The Respondent's status is "non-renewed."
2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent operated a counseling service in Prince George's County, Maryland.
3. On or about July 8, 2014, the Respondent pled guilty to and was found guilty of Medicaid Fraud, a felony, in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. The basis of the guilty plea was that the Respondent billed for Medicaid services he did not render in that he routinely billed for counseling services for two minor patients two days a week when they only received services once a week.
4. As a result of the guilty plea and finding, the Respondent was sentenced to three years of imprisonment, all suspended, and he was placed on three years supervised probation, as well as ordered to pay \$5069 in restitution to the Medicaid program and perform 100 hours of community service.
5. As set forth above, pleading guilty to a felony and to a crime of moral turpitude is a violation of § 17-509(10) of the Act.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Facts, the Board concludes, as a matter of law, that the Respondent violated its Act and that the revocation is warranted, pursuant to §17-509 (10), of the Board's Act.

ORDER


As set forth above, the Board hereby Orders that the license to practice clinical counseling in Maryland held by **LEON WILSON**, the Respondent, be and is **REVOKED**, and that this Order is public, pursuant to Md. Code Ann. General Provisions §§4-101 *et seq.* (2014 Vol.).

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with § 17-512 of the Act and S. G. §§ 10-201, *et seq.* you have a right to a direct judicial appeal of this decision. A petition for appeal of the Final Board Order shall be filed within thirty days from your receipt of this Final Order and shall be made in accordance with the *aforecited* authority.

2/19/2016

Date



Carol A. Deel, LCPC, LCMFT, Chair
Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists