

IN THE MATTER OF

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BEFORE THE MARYLAND

ARTHUR I. LEVIN

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BOARD OF PHARMACY

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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND ORDER

Certain information having come to its attention, the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board") determined to charge Arthur I. Levin (the "Respondent"), a person licensed to practice pharmacy in the State of Maryland, with violation of Article 43, §266A(c)(xiv) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

The particular charge is:

(xiv) Wilful making or filing of any false report or record in his practice as a pharmacist.

Appropriate written notice of the charge was given to the Respondent and a hearing was convened before the Board on May 20, 1981, at which time the Respondent was present with his attorney, Ira Cooke, Esquire. A quorum of the Board was present. The case against the Respondent was presented by Nancy G. Grame, Assistant Attorney General.

Ms. Frame introduced an Agreed Statement of Facts as a joint exhibit (Joint Exhibit #1) then rested the case on behalf of the Board.

Mr. Cooke then presented the case on behalf of the Respondent. Testimony was heard from Mr. Levin. The following documentary evidence was introduced:

Respondent's Exhibit #2 -- Presentence Investigation Report on Arthur Irvin Levin, Baltimore City Criminal Court, No. 18022702

Respondent's Exhibit #3 Letters of reference

After closing arguments, the hearing was concluded.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board finds:

1. That the Respondent submitted to the Medical Assistance Program of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene of the State of Maryland certain invoices for reimbursement for

the following prescriptions:

No. 726-503 -- Vasodilan for Helen Carey,
dispensed on 12/8/79

No. 726-498 -- Antivert for Helen Carey,
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No. 727-040 -- Librax for Sally Myers,
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2. That the claims for reimbursement submitted by the Respondent were for brand name drugs although the Respondent knew that generic drugs had been dispensed.

3. That on August 14, 1980 the Respondent was indicted by the Grand Jury for Baltimore City on twenty (20) Counts of Theft, Attempted Theft and Medicaid Fraud.

4. That the Respondent pled guilty in the Criminal Court of Baltimore City on October 30, 1980 to Counts 5, 8, 11 and 14 of the Indictment, all for Medicaid Fraud.

5. That the Court stayed judgment under Article 27, §641 of the Annotated Code of Maryland for a period of two years and placed the Respondent under the supervision of the Probation Department.

6. That the Court order the Respondent to make restitution of the \$76.16 to the Medical Assistance Program of the State of Maryland.

7. That the Court further ordered the Respondent to perform five hundred (500) hours of unpaid community service in the Havre de Grace, Maryland area.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board unanimously concludes that the Respondent wilfully made and filed false reports or records in his practice as a pharmacist. Accordingly, the Board adjudicates the Respondent GUILTY of violating Article 43, §266A(c)(xiv) of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

ORDER


Upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is this 8th day of June, 1981, by the unanimous vote of the Maryland Board of Pharmacy

ORDERED that the license to practice pharmacy in Maryland heretofore issued by the Board to the Respondent is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of one (1) year from the date of this Order, or until such time as he completes his unpaid community service, whichever is later; and be it further

ORDERED that the foregoing suspension shall be immediately STAYED, with the Respondent placed on PROBATION subject to the following conditions:

1. That the Respondent shall make restitution to the Medical Assistance Program of the State of Maryland as ordered by the Criminal Court of Baltimore City.
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ORDERED that if the Respondent fails to make restitution or to complete the five hundred (500) hours of unpaid community service as ordered by the Court; or if the Respondent fails to practice in accordance with the laws governing the practice of pharmacy in Maryland, the Board, after notification and a hearing may withdraw the stay of the aforesaid suspension or may impose any other disciplinary sanction it deems appropriate.


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