IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE
BERNARD SLOANE, P.D. * BOARD OF PHARMACY

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FINAL CONSENT ORDER

This Consent Order is entered into by the Maryland State Board of Pharmacy and Bernard Sloane, P.D.

Background

Upon certain information having come to the Maryland Board of Pharmacy (the "Board"), the Board determined to charge BERNARD SLOANE (the "Respondent") with the violation of §12-311(b)(21) of the Health Occupations Article, Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Act") which prohibits the following conduct:

(21) 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;

Notice of the charges was provided in a letter which was sent with the charging document to the Respondent by certified mail in October 1988. A prehearing conference on the charges was scheduled and held on November 30, 1988.

Present during the prehearing conference were: Bernard Sloane, the Respondent; Marc K. Sloane, Esquire, counsel for Respondent; Nancy P. Tennis, Administrative Prosecutor; Steven S. Cohen, P.D., President of the Board, and Roslyn Scheer, Executive Director of the Board. Following discussions during the prehearing conference, Respondent voluntarily agreed to enter
into the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Consent Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent was and is licensed as a pharmacist in Maryland during all times relevant to these charges.

2. On November 14, 1985, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, the Respondent pleaded guilty to one count of willfully and knowingly and with intent to defraud and mislead, causing to be received in interstate commerce adulterated and misbranded drugs, and delivering said drugs for pay, in violation of Title 21, U.S.C., Sections 331(c) and 333(b).

3. Under Title 21, U.S.C., Section 333(b), the penalty for violation of these provisions is up to three years imprisonment and $10,000 in fines.

4. Under Title 18, U.S.C., Section 1, all federal offenses punishable by more than one year imprisonment are felonies.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Based upon the foregoing facts, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the Respondent is GUILTY of violating §12-311(b)(21) of the Health Occupations Article.
ORDER

It is this 18th day of Janc, 1988, by the Board of Pharmacy

ORDERED that Respondent's license to practice pharmacy in the State of Maryland is SUSPENDED, and be it further

ORDERED that said SUSPENSION is immediately STAYED

ORDERED that after one year from the date of this Order the Board will entertain a petition for full reinstatement of Respondent's license to be a pharmacist in Maryland. If the Respondent fails to make any such petition, however, his stayed suspension status shall continue indefinitely.

ORDERED that a copy of this Order shall be filed with the Board of Pharmacy as part of Respondent's licensure file.

ORDERED that this is a Final Order and as such is a public document pursuant to §10-611 et seq. of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Steven S. Cohen, P.D.
President
Board of Pharmacy

CONSENT

I, Bernard Sloane, by affixing my signature hereto, acknowledge that;

1. I am represented by Marc K. Sloane, Esquire and I have had the opportunity to consult with counsel before signing this document;
2. I am aware that without my consent, my license as a pharmacist in this State cannot be limited except pursuant to the provisions of §12-311 of the Act and §10-405 of the Administrative Procedure Act, State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland;

3. I am aware that I am entitled to a formal evidentiary hearing before the Board.

By this Consent, I hereby consent and submit to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusion of Law and Order. By doing so, I waive my right to a formal hearing and acknowledge the validity of the Order as if made after a hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony and to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law. I also recognize that, with regard to this Order, I am waiving my rights to appeal as set forth in §12-311 of the Act and §10-215 of the Administrative Procedure Act, State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland.

Bernard Sloane, P.D.

STATE OF MARYLAND

CITY/COUNTY OF

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 27 day of December, 1988, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County

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aforesaid, personally appeared Bernard Sloane, and he made oath in due form of law that the foregoing Consent was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal.

[Signature]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 5/1/90