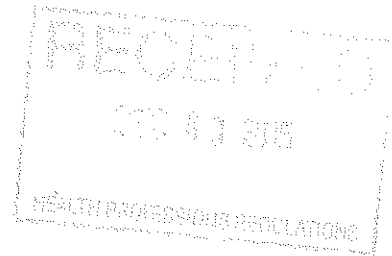


**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND
PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF PHARMACY**

**In the Matter of:
PAUL PRESTON
LICENSE NUMBER RPH 3697
COMPLAINT NUMBER C15-989**

CONSENT ORDER

Pursuant to Rhode Island General Laws § 5-19.1-21 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Department of Health (Department), Board of Pharmacy (Board) has investigated a complaint charging Paul Preston, pharmacist (hereinafter "Respondent"), with violations of RIGL § 5-19.1 of the R.I. Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Pharmacists, Pharmacies and Manufacturers, Wholesalers and Distributors. After consideration by the Board and the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is licensed as a pharmacist in the State of Rhode Island and held license number RPH03697
2. Respondent was licensed as a pharmacist in the State of Maine and held license number PR4697.
3. On or about 7/1/15, the Maine Board of Pharmacy received a complaint against Mr. Preston that he had diverted controlled substances from July 2010 to June 2015 at two CVS locations in that state for his own personal use and without having a prescription.
4. The Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy was subsequently informed that Mr. Preston's license was revoked in the State of Maine.

5. Pursuant to § 5-19.1-21, the foregoing facts constitute unprofessional conduct in the State of Rhode Island.

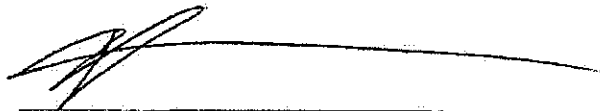
Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:

1. Respondent was a pharmacist and was able to conduct business under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Rhode Island.
2. Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Department and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Department.
3. Respondent has read this Consent Order and understands that it is a proposal of the Department and is subject to the final ratification by the Department. This Consent Order and the contents thereof are not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Department.
4. Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
 - a) The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Department;
 - b) The right to produce witnesses and evidence in his behalf at a hearing;
 - c) The right to cross-examine witnesses;
 - d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Department;
 - e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
 - f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
 - g) Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to the Department for consideration and review;
 - h) Any objection to the fact that it will be necessary for the Department to become acquainted with all evidence pertaining to this matter in order to adequately review this Consent Order;
 - i) Any objection to the fact that the Department reviewing this Consent Order may be the same as the hearing committee presiding

over this matter should it later be brought to an administrative hearing; and

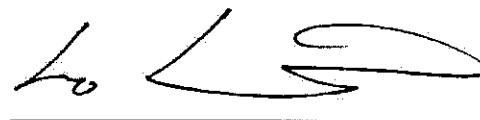
- j) Any objection to the fact that potential bias against the Respondent may occur as a result of the presentation of this Consent Order to the Department.
- 5. This Consent Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding once it is accepted by all parties and accepted by the Department.
- 6. Acceptance by the Respondent and approval by the Department of this Consent Order constitutes an admission of the facts contained herein.
- 7. Respondent hereby agrees to this Reprimand of his pharmacist license.
- 8. Respondent's pharmacist license shall be suspended until his Maine license is reinstated.
- 9. That should Respondent violate the terms of this Consent Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.

12-1-2015
Date



Paul Preston, RPh.
License Number RPH03697

12/17/15
Date



Leo Lariviere, RPh.
Chairperson
Rhode Island Board of Pharmacy

Ratified by the Board of Pharmacy on this 17 day of DECEMBER, 2015.