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STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

SIRR C. GRICE, R.PH., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 17 PHM 021 and 17 PHM 181

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph. 3125 West Reichert Place Milwaukee, WI 53209

Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board P.O. Box 8366 Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Pharmacy Examining Board (Board). The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph., (DOB October 15, 1985) is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice pharmacy, having license number 18093-40, first issued on July 28, 2015, and current through May 31, 2020. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 3125 West Reichert Place, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53209.
- 2. At all times relevant to this proceeding, Respondent was employed as a managing pharmacist at two retail pharmacies (Pharmacy A and Pharmacy B) owned by the same corporation (Corporation), located in Milwaukee.

- 3. Respondent was the Managing Pharmacist at Pharmacy A from August 20, 2015 April 26, 2016. As the Managing Pharmacist, Respondent is responsible for the professional operations of each pharmacy.
- 4. On February 6, 2017, Pharmacy A filed a Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances. The report indicated that on December 21, 2016, 749 tablets of oxycodone hydrochloride 30 mg, worth \$2,688.39, were discovered missing.
- 5. Respondent has been the Managing Pharmacist at Pharmacy B since August 18, 2016. On November 28, 2017, Pharmacy B filed a DEA Report of Theft or Loss of Controlled Substances. They reported that on November 14, 2016, 2,457 tablets of oxycodone hydrochloride 30 mg, worth \$8,818.91, were discovered missing.
- 6. From March 28, 2017 to March 12, 2018, multiple requests were sent to Respondent requesting additional information about the controlled substances thefts, but Respondent did not provide any additional information.
- 7. On May 30, 2018, the Corporation made arrangements for Respondent to report to the Department on May 31, 2018, for an investigative interview.
- 8. On May 31, 2018, Respondent reported to the Department voluntarily for an interview. During the interview, Respondent admitted that he used to keep the safe containing controlled substances unlocked during his shift. He stated this is no longer his practice.
- 9. The Corporation conducted an internal investigation that was not able to identify the individuals that were responsible for the thefts, but did determine that the thefts were caused because controlled substances were easily accessible to staff because the controlled substances were not always properly secured.
- 10. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).
- 2. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph. engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Stat. § 440.20(5)(a), by failing to respond within 30 days to a request for information from the department.
- 3. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph. engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(a)2, by violating this chapter or, subject to s. 961.38 (4r), ch. 961 or any federal or state statute or rule which substantially relates to the practice of the licensee.

- 4. By the conduct described in the Findings of Fact, Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph. engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 6.07(3), by failing to store controlled substances in a securely locked substantially-constructed cabinet.
- 5. As a result of the above violations, Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph. is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(b)1.

ORDER

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. Respondent Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph. is REPRIMANDED.
- 3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph. shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$582.00.
- 4. Payment of costs (made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services) shall be sent by Respondent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 267-3817; Fax (608) 266-2264

<u>DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov</u>

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- 5. In the event that Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 18093-40) to practice pharmacy in the state of Wisconsin may, in the discretion of the Board or its designee, be SUSPENDED, without further notice or hearing, until Respondent has complied with the terms of the Order. The Board may, in addition and/or in the alternative refer any violation of this Order to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further investigation and action.
 - 6. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

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A Member of the Board Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

STIPULATION

SIRR C. GRICE, R.PH., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case Nos. 17 PHM 021 and 17 PHM 181

Respondent Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

- 1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
 - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
 - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
 - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
 - the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
 - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
 - the right to petition for rehearing; and
 - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Pharmacy Examining (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if adopted in the form as attached.
- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division

of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

- 6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

12/28/18

Sirr C. Grice, R.Ph., Respondent

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