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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
JEROME DRUGS, INC.,	:	
RESPONDENT.	:	

ORDER0008739

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 PHM 050

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

Jerome Drugs, Inc.
Muskego, WI 53150

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 Jerome Drugs, Inc., is licensed in the state of Wisconsin as a pharmacy, having license number 7799-42, issued on October 14, 1998, and current through May 31, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is in Muskego, Wisconsin 53150.

2. In February 2019, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) initiated an investigation of Respondent based on a tip they had received, and on September 25, 2019, the DEA conducted an Administrative Inspection Warrant (AIW) at Respondent pharmacy.

3. The DEA investigation concluded that Respondent engaged in the following conduct related to receipt and distribution of controlled substances:

- a. Failing to make, keep and furnish accurate records of all stocks of controlled substances on hand and each controlled substance received, sold, delivered, or otherwise disposed of as required by 21 U.S.C. §§ 827 and 842(a)(5), and 21 C.F.R. § 1304.21;
- b. Failing to maintain invoices for the receipt of controlled substances and failing to maintain correct information on invoices as required by 21 U.S.C. § 827(b)(1) and 21 C.F.R. § 1304.04;
- c. Failing to make, keep, and furnish complete and accurate DEA order forms documenting all receipts of schedule II controlled substances as required by 21 U.S.C. §§ 827(b)(1), 828, and 842(a)(5), and 21 C.F.R. §§ 1305.03 and 1305.13; and
- d. Improperly dispensing the remaining balance of partial fills of prescriptions for scheduled II controlled substances more than 72 hours after the initial fill, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 842(c)(1)(A) and 21 C.F.R. § 1306.13(a).

4. On February 18, 2022, Respondent and the U.S. Attorney's Office on behalf of the DEA entered into a Civil Settlement Agreement, which required Respondent to pay \$375,000 (split with another Jerome Drugs pharmacy location), and also restricted Respondent from possessing or distributing Schedule II narcotics for a period of three (3) years beginning on February 18, 2022.

5. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10 and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Based on the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct by engaging in any pharmacy practice which constitutes a danger to the health, welfare, or safety of patient or public, including but not limited to, practicing in a manner which substantially departs from the standard of care ordinarily exercised by a pharmacist which harmed or could have harmed a patient, pursuant to Wis. Admin. Code § Phar 10.03(2).

3. Based on the Findings of Fact, Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct by violating any federal or state statute or rule which substantially relates to the practice of the licensee, pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10(1)(a)2.

4. As a result of the above violations, Respondent is subject to discipline pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 450.10.

ORDER

1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.

2. Respondent is REPRIMANDED.
 3. Respondent's pharmacy license (license no. 7799-42), and any appurtenant right to renew such license, is LIMITED as follows:
 - a. Respondent must comply with the Civil Settlement Agreement dated February 18, 2022.
 - b. Any violation of the terms of the Civil Settlement Agreement dated February 18, 2022, is a violation of this Order.
 - c. Respondent may petition for termination of this limitation upon proof of successful completion of the terms of the Civil Settlement Agreement.
 3. Within ninety (90) days from the date of this Order, Respondent shall pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$612.00.
 4. Any requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted to:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov
- Respondent may also submit this information online at: <https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov>.
5. In the event Respondent violates any term of this Order, Respondent's license (no. 7799-42) or Respondent's right to renew such license, 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

By: 
A Member of the Board

8/31/2023
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE PHARMACY EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

JEROME DRUGS, INC.,
RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

ORDER 0008739

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 22 PHM 050

Respondent Jerome Drugs, Inc., 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 (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

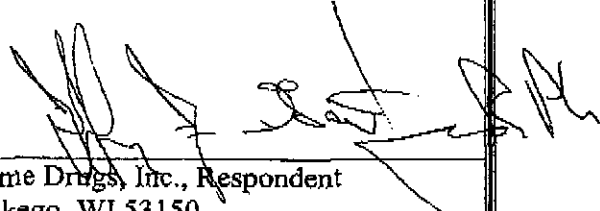
of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

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. Respondent is further informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.

9. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.


Jerome Drugs, Inc., Respondent
Muskego, WI 53150
License No. 77799-42

6/29/23
Date


Carley Peich Kiesling, Prosecuting Attorney
Department of Safety and Professional Services
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

8/3/2023
Date