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STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO.: 2003-06298
LICENSE NO.: ME0051099

RICHARD KARPFF, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) on August 5, 2005, in Jacksonville, Florida, for the purpose of considering Respondent's offer to voluntarily relinquish his license to practice medicine in the State of Florida. (Attached hereto as Exhibit A.) Said written offer of relinquishment specifically provides that Respondent agrees never again to apply for licensure as a physician in the State of Florida.

Upon consideration of the written offer of voluntary relinquishment, the charges, and the other documents of record, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's Voluntary Relinquishment of his license to practice medicine in the State of Florida is hereby ACCEPTED, and shall constitute discipline upon Respondent's license.

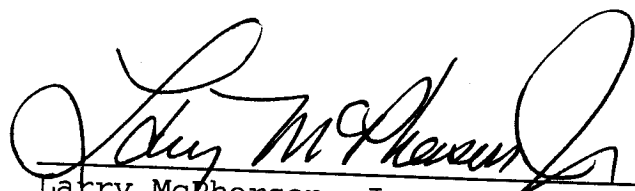
This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Health.

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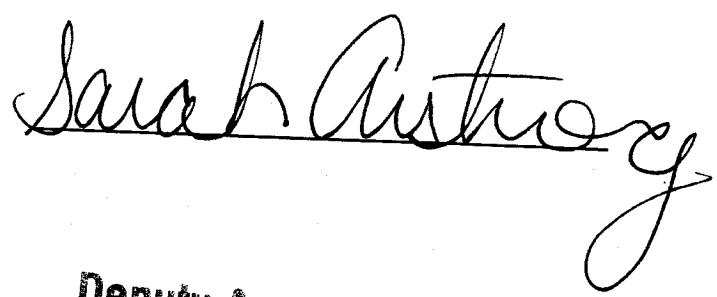
DONE AND ORDERED this 19 day of AUGUST, 2005.

BOARD OF MEDICINE


Larry McPherson, Jr., Executive Director
for Laurie K. Davies, M.D., Chair

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to RICHARD KARPF, M.D., 1 Kensington Gate, PH #4, Great Neck, New York 11120; to Douglas Nadjari, Esquire, Kearn, Augustine, et al., 420 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park, New York 11042-1121; and by interoffice delivery to Denise O'Brien and Dana Baird, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265 this 22 day of August, 2005.



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RICHARD KARPf, M.D.,
Respondent.

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE

Respondent Richard Karpf, M.D., license No. ME 51099, hereby voluntarily
relinquishes Respondent's license to practice Medicine in the State of Florida and states as
follows:

1. Respondent's purpose in executing this Voluntary Relinquishment is to avoid further administrative action with respect to this cause. Respondent understands that acceptance by the Board of Medicine (hereinafter the Board) of this Voluntary Relinquishment shall be construed as disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Section 456.072(1)(f), Florida Statutes.
2. Respondent agrees to never reapply for licensure as a Doctor in the State of Florida.
3. Respondent agrees to voluntarily cease practicing Medicine immediately upon executing this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent further agrees to refrain from the practice of Medicine until such time as this Voluntary Relinquishment is presented to the Board and the Board issues a written final order in this matter.

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4. In order to expedite consideration and resolution of this action by the Board in a public meeting, Respondent, being fully advised of the consequences of so doing, hereby waives the statutory privilege of confidentiality of Section 456.073(10), Florida Statutes, and waives a determination of probable cause, by the Probable Cause Panel, or the Department when appropriate, pursuant to Section 456.073(4), Florida Statutes, regarding the complaint, the investigative report of the Department of Health, and all other information obtained pursuant to the Department's investigation in the above-styled action. By signing this waiver, Respondent understands that the record and complaint become public record and remain public record and that information is immediately accessible to the public.

5. Upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, Respondent agrees to waive all rights to seek judicial review of, or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of, this Voluntary Relinquishment and of the Final Order of the Board incorporating this Voluntary Relinquishment.

6. Petitioner and Respondent hereby agree that upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs related to the prosecution or defense of this matter.

7. Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent in connection with the Board's consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent agrees that consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment and other related materials by the Board shall not prejudice or preclude

the Board, or any of its members, from further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings if the terms of this Voluntary Relinquishment are not accepted by the Board.

DATED this 31st day of MAY, 2005.

Richard Karpf
Richard Karpf, M.D.

STATE OF:
COUNTY OF:

Before me, personally appeared Richard Karpf, whose identity is known to me by personal knowledge (type of identification) and who, under oath, acknowledges that her signature appears above. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of MAY, 2005.

Douglas M. Nadjari
NOTARY PUBLIC

My Commission Expires:

DOUGLAS M. NADJARI
NOTARY PUBLIC, State of New York
No. 02NAR073730
Qualified in Nassau County
My Commission Expires April 29, 2006

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STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT RECEIVED

Office: West Palm Beach		Complaint Date: 8/15/03		Complaint Number: ME 2003-06298 SEP 12 2003	
Subject: RICHARD KARPf, MD 1 Kensington Gate, Ste. #PH4 Great Neck, NY 11021-1314 Atty: (516) 683-8500			Source: STEVEN WAGNER CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS 6166 Sunset Blvd. DOH - MQA - MQ Los Angeles, CA 90028 (800) 869-2247		
Prefix: ME	License #: 51099	Profession: Physician	Board: Medicine	Report Date: 9/11/03	
Period of Investigation: 8/25/03 - 9/11/03			Type of Report: FINAL		
Alleged Violation: § 458.331 (1)(b)(kk) - Having a license or the authority to practice medicine revoked, suspended...; Failing to report to the board, in writing, within 30 days if action as defined in paragraph (b)...					
<p>Synopsis: This investigation is predicated on the receipt of a UCF and attachments (EX#1) received from STEVEN WAGNER, an employee with the CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, alleging that DR. KARPf, a psychiatrist, was arrested on 1/9/03 for second degree conspiracy to commit murder; second degree criminal possession of a weapon; and two counts of third degree criminal possessions of a weapon. On 1/28/03, the New York State Board issued a non-disciplinary order for Professional Medical Conduct to DR. KARPf, wherein DR. KARPf agreed to refrain from the practice of medicine. Newspaper articles indicate DR. KARPf was allegedly plotting to kill six people, some of which were his patients, including one woman he allegedly had an affair with.</p> <p>DR. KARPf was notified of this investigation by letter (EX#2) dated 8/25/03 and was provided with a copy of the UCF, newspaper articles and non-disciplinary order.</p> <p>A check of DOH computer licensure records revealed DR. KARPf is currently licensed as a physician in the state of Florida. (EX#3) A CV was requested, but DR. KARPf did not provide one.</p> <p>DR. KARPf is currently represented by Attorney MATTHEW W. BRISSENDEN, 666 Old Country Road, Garden City, NY 11530-2004, (516) 683-8500.</p> <p>DR. KARPf, through his attorney, submitted a faxed letter essentially stating that he entered a plea of Not Guilty and, due to the pending charges, he is unable to give any statements or otherwise respond to the Florida Department of Health's investigation at this time. DR. KARPf's attorney requests that this investigation be "held in abeyance" until the resolution of the criminal matter.</p>					
Companion / Related Complaint: NONE					
Investigator/Date: <i>Bonnie Schaffrick</i> Bonnie Schaffrick, Investigator, WI-71 9/11/03			Approved By/Date: <i>James Cooksey</i> James Cooksey, Manager, WI-90 9-11-03		
Distribution: HQ/ISU					

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** THESE RECORDS ARE SEALED PURSUANT TO SECTION 456.057(8), FLORIDA STATUTES AND COPIES OF SAME ARE NOT MAINTAINED IN THE WEST PALM BEACH INVESTIGATIVE OFFICE".

*** THIS EXHIBIT CONTAINS CONFIDENTIAL RECORDS CONCERNING REPORTS OF ABUSE, NEGLECT OR EXPLOITATION OF THE VULNERABLE ADULT, INCLUDING REPORTS MADE TO THE CENTRAL ABUSE HOTLINE, AND IS SEALED PURSUANT TO SECTION 415.107(1).

INVESTIGATIVE DETAILS: N/A**SUMMARY OF RECORDS:**

The arrest report from the NASSAU COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT is exhibit #4. DR. KARPf was actually arrested on 1/8/03 and released on 1/9/03. It appears from the report that DR. KARPf's offenses are listed as one count of 2nd degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon, and two counts of 3rd degree Criminal Possession of a Weapon.

A request was made to the Freedom of Information Law Unit in New York, NY, for the disposition and any certified court documents for DR. KARPf's case, and this information will be forwarded to DOH Legal upon receipt.

STATEMENT OF STEVEN WAGNER, SOURCE:

CITIZENS COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

6166 Sunset Blvd.

Los Angeles, CA 90028

(800) 869-2247

WAGNER was interviewed by telephone on 9/9/03 by this investigator and essentially stated:

DR. KARPf also holds a medical license in California, but the California Board is still holding off on doing anything with his license.

WAGNER has not heard anything new on DR. KARPf's case and although WAGNER is usually able to get information from law enforcement relatively easily, officials in New York have not been very forthcoming with anything new regarding this case.

When he could not get information on what was happening with DR. KARPf's case, WAGNER put DR. KARPf's case on the back burner so to speak. In fact, WAGNER forgot that he had filed a complaint with the Florida Department of Health, and now that this case has come to the forefront once again he will continue looking further into it. WAGNER will be in contact with DOH with any new information he receives.

STATEMENT OF RICHARD KARPf, MD, SUBJECT:

Residence:

1 Kensington Gate, Ste. #ph4

Great Neck, NY 11021-1314

(516) 482-7943

DR. KARPf, through his attorney, faxed a statement to this investigator dated 9/8/03 in which he essentially stated:

He entered a plea of Not Guilty and due to the pending criminal charges DR. KARPf is unable to respond to the Florida Department of Health's investigation at this time. DR. KARPf is not currently practicing medicine or treating patients in Florida and requests that the DOH investigation be held in abeyance until this criminal matter is resolved.