



Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

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QUARTERLY DISCIPLINARY REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

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NOTE: The Nevada State Board of Pharmacy cancelled its September 12th and 13th, 2001 board meeting due to the events of the tragedy on September 11th.

1. AK Wholesale Board Meeting 10/16/01 Case No. 01-013-WH-S

On several renewal applications AK Wholesale represented that none of the shareholders in the company had ever had discipline. This information was not true as two of the owners of AK Wholesale had had discipline in California. For lying on their applications the Board Ordered them to pay a fine of \$250 for each violation for a total of \$1000, be placed on probation for one year and pay administrative fees of \$250.

2. Michael L. Winn Board Meeting 10/16/01 Case No. 01-069-RPH-S

Mr. Winn did not appear. Winn was terminated from his employment as managing pharmacist at Health Mart Parkway Pharmacy because he was arrested at the pharmacy with an outlandish story about going into the pharmacy at 11:30 p.m. to do a controlled substance inventory. The pharmacy maintained a perpetual inventory and this story was deemed untrue. Winn had controlled substances in his possession in an unmarked prescription vial at the time of his arrest. It was determined Winn did not have a legal prescription from a practitioner for the drugs in his possession. Winn's license was revoked.

3. Michael J. Adams Board Meeting 10/16/01 Case No. 01-100-RPH-S

In a previous Board Order Adams was required to notify the Board office in writing if he were to obtain any legal prescription for controlled substances. Adams has an old shoulder injury that causes him pain and occasionally takes legally prescribed medication for that pain. Mr. Adams failed to notify the Board office and claimed that he understood he could notify the PRN-PRN administrator if he were to take any of the controlled substance medication even though his Order clearly stated he must notify the Board. The Board dismissed the action and will draft an Order to remove the requirement to report to the Board and allow PRN-PRN to monitor.

4. Michael L. Harvey Board Meeting 10/16/01 Case No. 01-096-RPH-S

The Board was notified by Harvey's employer that he had been arrested for DUI and resigned from employment. Harvey realized he had a serious problem, went into detox, began going to AA meetings after his release, joined the PRN-PRN program and has been sober for 2 ½ months. Larry Espadero, PRN-PRN program administrator, testified in Harvey's behalf. License was suspended for six months beginning August 2, 2001, the suspension was stayed, probation will be for five years commensurate with his contract with PRN-PRN, not allowed to perform the duties of a managing pharmacist while on probation, must disclose this action with future employers, and pay administrative fees of \$250.

5. Melvin K. Nakashima Board Meeting 10/16/01 Case No. 01-104-RPH-O

Mr. Nakashima did not appear. This action was taken to parallel a sister state action in California. Nakashima renewed his forfeited license and answered the questions regarding having had disciplinary action, either administrative Board action or criminal action, in the affirmative however did not give required information regarding these actions. Two letters were sent to him requesting the information and both went unanswered. The California Board provided information that showed that Mr. Nakashima committed Medicaid fraud in excess of \$180,000. License revoked.

6. Nazaneen Newton, Karen A. Cannon
Board Meeting 10/16/01 Case No. 01-103-AB-S

Cannon did not appear. Newton was represented by legal counsel. Vencor reported to the Board that Cannon had been terminated and Newton reprimanded because of drug diversion in the pharmacy. Eventually Newton was also terminated from employment because she knew that Cannon was destroying records and diverting drugs and did not report the behavior to management. The Board revoked Cannon's Pharmaceutical Technician license. Newton was put on probation for six months, must take and pass a written law examination, and pay a fine of \$350.

7. Jerry Cavalier, Decatur Drug
Board Meeting 10/15/01 Case No. 01-026AB-S

The complaint filed with the Board claimed that because of negligence on the part of the pharmacist by filling prescriptions for controlled substances early and in excessive amounts it resulted in a death. Further investigation found that Cavalier had filled early and in excessive amounts for other patients of Decatur Drug, also. An accusation was filed and a stipulated agreement was reached by both legal counsel for the Board and counsel for Cavalier/Decatur Drug. Because of the circumstances Cavalier's license was revoked and

charges against Decatur were dismissed.

8. Scott T. Larsen Board Meeting 7/25/01 Case No. 01-018-RPH-S

Shared Controlled Substance Task Force confidential patient profile with NLVPD. NLVPD was employer of Officer Gina Carmody who ultimately lost her job. Mr. Larsen felt he was protecting the public from a drug using police officer with a car and a gun, when in fact, Ms. Carmody had been in treatment for her drug dependence and was coping well with only the medication needed to combat the pain associated with a shoulder injury. Larsen was suspended for 7 days, the suspension stayed, fined \$1000 plus \$3760.84 costs/admin fees, take and pass Nevada law exam.

9. Gregory W. Greenwood Board Meeting 7/25/01 Case No. 01-040-RPH-S

Greenwood admitted addiction to Oxycontin and made false and fraudulent records to obtain controlled substances to support his addiction. License suspended for one year, can request reinstatement after 6 months. If reinstated, probation commensurate with PRN-PRN contract and will not be allowed to practice as a managing pharmacist while on probation.

10. Lisa R. Monteiro Board Meeting 7/25/01 Case No. 01-056-PT-S

Did not appear at hearing. Pharmaceutical Technician was diverting drugs for sale and personal use from Wal Mart because she found it to be easy money. License revoked.

11. Candice Green Board Meeting 7/25/01 Case No. 01-058-PT-S

Did not appear at hearing. Pharmaceutical Technician in Training tested positive for marijuana when asked to provide a UA to enter Heritage College for their PT program. License revoked.

12. William Copp Board Meeting 7/25/01 Case No. 01-059-PT-S

Did not appear at hearing. Pharmaceutical Technician in Training tested positive for marijuana and cocaine when asked to provide a UA to enter Heritage College for PT program. License revoked.