



Nevada State Board of Pharmacy

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QUARTERLY DISCIPLINARY REPORT TO LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL BUREAU

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1. Heather Boyd Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-076-PT-N

In April, 2001 Ms. Boyd appeared before the Board as a PRN-PRN program participant that relapsed on amphetamine and methamphetamine. The Board gave Ms. Boyd a second chance and remanded her to an additional 5 year contract with PRN-PRN. PRN-PRN required Ms. Boyd to provide monitored UA's and she found this to be too restrictive and quit her job and the PRN-PRN program. Ms. Boyd's pharmaceutical technician registration was revoked.

2. Lawrence E. Patterson
Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-080-RPH-O

Mr. Patterson was offered a stipulated agreement which he signed and the Board accepted. He had had discipline in three sister states and the stipulated agreement parallel's those actions. Mr. Patterson was placed on probation until 2003. Note that Mr. Patterson does not live or practice in Nevada.

3. Jerry Knisley Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-075-RPH-O

Mr. Knisley was not present at hearing because he is currently incarcerated in California. The California Board revoked Mr. Knisley's license in an Order dated June 11, 2001. California charged him with violations in California pharmacy law resulting from an Arizona felony conviction of aggravated assault. Mr. Knisley surrendered his wall certificate and wallet card prior to hearing, however legal counsel recommended the Board parallel a sister-state action and revoke Mr. Knisley's pharmacist license for the record. The Board revoked Mr. Knisley's license.

4. Gregory N. Satroplus Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-049-RPH-N

Board staff had been notified that Mr. Satroplus had been purchasing marijuana from a fellow employee, though not a pharmacy employee, at his place of employment. Mr. Satroplus was lab tested and his UA came back positive for marijuana. Mr. Satroplus was fined \$350 plus the cost of the hearing and required to be evaluated by PRN-PRN. If it is determined that

Mr. Satroplus has a problem with drugs or alcohol, he will sign a contract for a period of time to be determined by PRN-PRN and the Board will place Mr. Satroplus on probation for the same period of time. If it is determined Mr. Satroplus does not have a problem with drugs or alcohol, there will only be a fine and cost of hearing and no probation.

5. Forrest Green, Smith's Pharmacy #389
Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-061-AB-N

Mr. Green filled a prescription for Enalapril 2.5 mg. with Enalapril 20 mg. causing the patient to take eight times the dose prescribed. Mr. Green testified that the patient was now taking Enalapril 10 mg. as the physician felt the raised dosage was helpful to reduce the patients' blood pressure. Bonnie Brandt represented Smith's and she gave a detailed account of Smith's policies and procedures. Staff reviews are held several times per year to ensure pharmacy staff is well educated and up to date on all Smith's policies and procedures. Unfortunately Mr. Green did not follow one of Smith's required steps in filling a prescription. He did not scan that particular bottle of Enalapril. Mr. Green was fined \$250 plus the cost of the hearing and Smith's was fined \$250.

6. David A. Vasenden, Don's Pharmacy
Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-097AB-N

The patient in this instance is a child with a seizure disorder. The patient took Keppra 500 mg. tablets daily to prevent seizures. After the patient's mother had the Keppra prescription refilled, the patient began having seizures. After checking with the pharmacy it was discovered that the refill prescription was filled with Leucovorin rather than the prescribed Keppra. Mr. Vasenden acknowledged that he filled the prescription, however he is unsure how the error occurred. Mr. Vasenden and Don's Pharmacy were both fined \$500.

7. Becky S. Saltenberger, Professional Center Pharmacy
Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-085AB-N

A stipulated agreement was offered Ms. Saltenberger and Professional Center Pharmacy which they signed and the Board accepted. Labels were switched on two prescriptions for a patient with a bladder infection. One prescription was for the bladder infection and the other for migraine headaches. The patient took the migraine medication for seven days thinking it was for the bladder infection. Fortunately the bladder infection resolved itself. Both were fined \$850 plus an administrative fee of \$250.

8. Karen E. Throp, ShopKo Pharmacy #2077
Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-079AB-N

A patient presented a prescription for Zocor to ShopKo Pharmacy, however the pharmacy did not have the product at that time and had to order it. It was delivered the following morning. The pharmacist that took the prescription the previous day began the filling process by preparing the labels for the ordered products. Ms. Throp came in the following morning and began filling the prescriptions. The only scenario that could be deduced is that she had gone through her check procedure for the Zocor prescription and left the filling station to attend to another matter. When she returned to complete filling the prescription she had switched the two drugs that had been delivered and were both on the counter. The patient took the medication in the Zocor bottle for 26 days. The patient was hospitalized and it was determined that she had been taking Coumadin for 26 days. Fortunately, the patient had a full recovery. Ms. Throp was fined \$1,000 plus half the cost of the hearing and ShopKo was fined \$500 plus half the cost of the hearing.

9. Lynn Sorensen, Sak'N Save Pharmacy
Board Meeting 12/5/01 Case No. 01-108AB-N

Mr. Sorensen misread the handwritten prescription from a physician that resulted in the patient receiving Prednisone rather than the prescribed Primidone. Vic Verling represented Sak'N Save and gave a presentation regarding the policies and procedures required in their stores. It was determined to fine Mr. Sorensen \$500 and dismiss the charge against Sak'N Save.