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Re: George Shepard, Jr., M.D. Case No. 2011-0134 License No.: D48352

Dear Dr. Shepard and Counsel:

On August 31, 2010, the Board issued an ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MEDICINE ("Order") in this case. The Order notified Dr. Shepard that he would be given an opportunity to attend a post-deprivation hearing on that issue on September 8, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. At about 4:00 p.m. on September 7, 2001, through his counsel, Dr. Shepard requested a postponement of the hearing. The Board denied Dr. Shepard's request. Dr. Shepard failed to appear either in person or through counsel at the hearing on September 8, 2010. The State was represented by Robert J. Gilbert, Esq., Administrative Prosecutor.

After considering the presentation at the hearing, the Board determined that it would not lift the summary suspension first imposed on August 31, 2010. Following the scheduled hearing at which neither Dr. Shepard nor his counsel appeared on September 8, 2010, the Board received a subsequent written request for postponement from Dr. Shepard. The Board also denies this request.

Under the Board regulations, you have the right to request a full evidentiary hearing before an Administrative Law Judge. This request will be granted if you make it within ten (10) days of the date of this letter. Any request for a hearing should be made to the Maryland State Board of Physicians, c/o Barbara Vona, Esq., Chief, Compliance the Maryland State Board of Physicians, c/o Barbara Vona, Esq., Chief, Compliance Administration, 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. If you request such a hearing, the regulations require that an Administrative Law Judge set the hearing to begin within 30 days of your request.

This letter constitutes an order of the Board resulting from formal disciplinary action and is therefore a public document.

Sincerely yours.

John T. Papavasiliou Deputy Director