

STATE OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
STATE BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL MEDICAL CONDUCT

PUBLIC

IN THE MATTER
OF
ANTHONY CELENTANO, R.P.A.
CO-04-01-0439-A

COMMISSIONER'S
ORDER
AND
NOTICE OF
HEARING

TO: ANTHONY CELENTANO, R.P.A.
60-34 Flushing Avenue
Maspeth, NY 11378

ANTHONY CELENTANO, R.P.A.
Brooklyn Family Center
1155 Broadway
Brooklyn, NY 11221

The undersigned, Antonia C. Novello, M.D., M.P.H., Dr. P.H., Commissioner of the New York State Department of Health, after an investigation, upon the recommendation of a committee on professional medical conduct of the State Board for Professional Medical Conduct, and upon the Statement of Charges attached, hereto, and made a part hereof, has determined that **ANTHONY CELENTANO, R.P.A.**, Respondent, licensed to practice medicine in New York state on September 30, 1977, by license number 000764, has been found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, of committing an act constituting a felony under New York State law, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, New York.

It is therefore,

ORDERED, pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12)(b), that effective immediately, **ANTHONY CELENTANO, R.P.A.**, Respondent, shall not practice medicine in the State of New York or in any other jurisdiction where that practice is dependent on a valid New York State license to practice medicine. This order shall remain in effect unless modified or vacated by the Commissioner of Health pursuant to N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230(12).

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing will be held pursuant to the provisions of N.Y. Public Health Law Section 230, and N.Y. State Admin. Proc. Act Sections 301-307 and 401. The hearing will be conducted before a committee on professional conduct of the State Board of Professional Medical Conduct, on the 19th day of May, 2004 at 10:00 am in the forenoon at Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York 12180. The Respondent may file an answer to the Statement of Charges with the below-named attorney for the Department of Health.

At the hearing, evidence will be received concerning the allegations set forth in the Statement of Charges, that is attached. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made and the witnesses at the hearing will be sworn and examined. The Respondent shall appear in person at the hearing and may be represented by counsel. The Respondent has the right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf, to issue or have subpoenas issued on his behalf for the production of witnesses and documents. Such evidence or sworn testimony shall be strictly limited to evidence and testimony relating to the nature and severity of the penalty to be imposed upon the licensee. Where the charges are based on the conviction of state law crimes in other jurisdictions, evidence may be offered that would show that the conviction would not be a crime in New York state. The Committee also may limit the number of witnesses whose testimony will be received, as well as the length of time any witness will be permitted to testify. Respondent has the right cross-examine witnesses and examine evidence produced against him. A summary of the Department of Health Hearing Rules is enclosed. Pursuant to Section 301(5) of the State Administrative Procedure Act, the Department, upon reasonable notice, will provide at no charge, a qualified interpreter of the deaf to interpret the proceedings to, and the testimony of, any deaf person.

The hearing will proceed whether or not the Respondent appears at the hearing. Scheduled hearing dates are considered dates certain and, therefore, adjournment requests are not routinely granted. Requests for adjournments must be made in writing to the Administrative Law Judge's Office, Hedley Park Place, 433 River Street, 5th Floor, Troy, New York 12180 (518-402-0751), upon notice to the attorney for the Department of Health whose name appears below, and at least five days prior to the scheduled hearing date. Claims of court engagement will require detailed affidavits of actual engagement. Claims of illness will require medical documentation.

At the conclusion of the hearing, the committee shall make findings of fact, conclusions concerning the charges sustained or dismissed, and, in the event that any of the charges are sustained, a determination of the penalty or sanction to be imposed or appropriate action to be taken. Such determination may be reviewed by the Administrative Review Board for Professional Medical Conduct.

**THESE PROCEEDINGS MAY RESULT IN A
DETERMINATION THAT YOUR LICENSE TO
PRACTICE MEDICINE IN NEW YORK STATE BE
REVOKED OR SUSPENDED, AND/OR THAT
YOU MAY BE FINED OR SUBJECT TO OTHER
SANCTIONS SET FORTH IN NEW YORK PUBLIC
HEALTH LAW SECTION 230-A. YOU ARE
URGED TO OBTAIN AN ATTORNEY FOR THIS
MATTER.**

DATED: Albany, New York

April 14, 2004



ANTONIA C. NOVELLO, M.D., M.P.H., Dr. P.H.,
Commissioner

Inquires should be addressed to:

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CO-C4-01-0439-A

STATEMENT
OF
CHARGES

ANTHONY CELENTANO, R.P.A., the Respondent, was authorized to practice medicine as a Physician Assistant in New York state on September 30, 1977, by the issuance of license number 000764 by the New York State Education Department.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

A. On or about August 22, 1987, Respondent was arrested on and on or about September 1, 1987, in the County Court, Suffolk County, New York, Respondent was indicted on one (1) count Conspiracy in the second degree, a felony, and on or about March 22, 1988, was convicted of Criminal possession of marijuana, in the fourth degree, a class A misdemeanor, and was sentenced to a one (1) year Conditional Discharge.

B. On or about December 7, 1990, Respondent prepared and submitted, to the New York State Department of Education, a Delayed Registration Application, wherein he falsely answered "No" to question "1.b. Since your last registered have you been convicted of any crime (felony or misdemeanor) in any state or country or have you been charged with any crime the disposition of which was other than by acquittal or dismissal?"

C. On or about November 21, 2003, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, New York, Respondent was found guilty, based on a plea of guilty, of Offering a false instrument for filing in the fifth degree, a class E felony, and on or about January 12, 2004, was sentenced to a Conditional Discharge – three (3) years and to pay \$60,000.00 restitution, a \$200.00 surcharge, and a \$10.00 victim's assistance fee.

SPECIFICATIONS
FIRST SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(1) by obtaining the license fraudulently, in that Petitioner charges:

1. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

SECOND SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York Education Law § 6530 (2) by practicing the profession fraudulently, in that Petitioner charges:

2. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

THIRD AND FOURTH SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent violated New York State Education Law §6530(9)(a)(i) by having been convicted of committing an act constituting a crime under New York State law, in that Petitioner charges:

3. The facts in Paragraphs A.
4. The facts in Paragraph C.

FIFTH SPECIFICATIONS

Respondent violated New York Education Law §6530(20) by conduct in the practice of medicine which evidences moral unfitness to practice medicine, in that Petitioner charges:

5. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

SIXTH SPECIFICATION

Respondent violated New York State Education Law § 6530(21) by willfully making or filing a false report required by law or by the department of health or by the education department, in that Petitioner charges:

6. The facts in Paragraphs A and/or B.

DATED: *April 12*, 2004
Albany, New York


PETER D. VAN BUREN
Deputy Counsel
Bureau of Professional Medical Conduct