

December 15, 1995

State Board of Examiners of Psychologists  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
4201 Patterson Avenue,  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215-2299

Re: Surrender of Psychologist License  
License Number: 02693

Dear Members of the Board of Examiners of Psychologists:

To resolve the Board's pending investigation of my recent behavior and in lieu of incurring disciplinary action under the Maryland Psychologists Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations, §18-101 et seq., and/or emergency disciplinary action under Md. Code Ann., State Government, §10-226, please be advised that I have decided to surrender my license to practice psychology in the State of Maryland. I understand that in so doing, I can no longer treat patients or practice psychology as set forth in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Health Occupations Article, Section 18-101 (e). In other words, I understand that this surrender of my license means that I am in the same position as an unlicensed individual.

My decision to surrender my license to practice psychology in the State of Maryland is IRREVOCABLE and PUBLIC. I agree to apply for reinstatement of my license to practice psychology in the State of Maryland only under the conditions set forth in this Letter of Surrender. This Letter of Surrender shall become effective immediately upon my signing it.

Pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations, §18-314 and based upon reports of abnormal behavior on my part which gave the Board reason to believe that I might cause harm to persons affected by my practice of psychology, on September 22, 1995, the Board ordered me to submit to an appropriate examination by Lawrence Donner, Ph.D. to determine whether my mental condition might adversely impact my psychology practice. Dr. Donner conducted his evaluation of my condition on October 31, 1995. In the course of his evaluation of my condition, Dr. Donner administered a battery of psychological tests. Dr. Donner issued his report to the Board on November 17, 1995.

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Dr. Donner concluded that I suffered from a mental disorder which affected my ability to treat patients. Dr. Donner also concluded that my judgment remains seriously impaired and that it would not be appropriate for me to perform clinical work as a psychologist.

Based on Dr. Donner's evaluation, the Board has determined that certain conditions must be met before I am allowed to practice psychology again in the State of Maryland. I fully concur and agree not to petition the Board for reinstatement of my license until these conditions have been met as determined by the Board. In addition, I will not practice any mental health counseling, whether it be as a psychologist, psychology associate, social worker, or "counselor" until I have been reinstated by the Board. I understand and agree that at a minimum the following conditions shall be met prior to the reinstatement of my license:

1. At my own expense, I must continue treatment for my psychiatric disorders for a minimum of one year after the date I sign this Letter of Surrender. I shall provide my treating therapists with both a copy of this of this Letter of Surrender and a copy of Dr. Donner's report to the Board.
2. Upon receipt of a recommendation from my treating therapist that my mental condition would no longer endanger patients, I will submit at my own expense to an assessment by a psychologist or psychiatrist selected by the Board.
3. I must provide all my treatment records relating to my mental health to the Board for their review in the determination of my reinstatement application.
4. After the Board determines that conditions 1 through 3 are satisfied, I will commence the practice of psychology under a Board-approved supervisor. After one year of supervised practice and upon the Board's receipt of both satisfactory quarterly reports and a recommendation from my supervisor that I am capable of safely practicing psychology without supervision, I may petition the Board for reinstatement of my license to practice psychology.
5. The Board will not grant reinstatement of my license until I have met conditions 1 through 4 and have personally appeared before the Board and answered any questions posed by Board members regarding my ability to safely practice psychology.

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I understand that if I apply for a license to practice psychology in another state or jurisdiction prior to my reinstatement as a psychologist in Maryland, this Letter of Surrender will be released upon request for such information. I also understand that this Letter of Surrender may be released or published by the Board to the same extent as a final public order which could result from disciplinary action, pursuant to Md. State Gov't. Code Ann. §10-611 et seq. (1993 Repl. Vol.).

I wish to make clear that I have been given an opportunity to consult with an attorney of my choosing before signing this letter IRREVOCABLY SURRENDERING my license to practice psychology in the State of Maryland. I understand both the nature of the Board's actions and this Letter of Surrender fully. I make this decision knowingly and voluntarily. I no longer have an office for the practice of psychology in Maryland.

Upon submission of this Letter of Surrender to the Board of Examiners of Psychologists, I agree to immediately surrender to the Board the following items regarding License Number 02693:

1. My wall certificate;
2. My display license; and
3. My pocket license.

Sincerely yours,

*Donald Cassidy, Ph.D.*

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 11 day of Jan, 1996, before me, a Notary Public of the State of and City/County aforesaid, personally appeared Donald Cassidy, and declared and affirmed under the penalties of perjury that signing the foregoing Irrevocable Letter of Surrender was his voluntary act and deed.

Lesli LaTorre  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: Nov. 17, 1997

<sup>23rd</sup> ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS, on this 23rd day of January, 1996 I accept Donald Cassidy's PUBLIC IRREVOCABLE surrender of his license to practice psychology in the State of Maryland.

W. Sherod Williams  
W. Sherod Williams, Ph.D., Chair  
Board of Examiners of Psychologists