

IN THE MATTER OF:	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND STATE
LLOYD EDWARD BILLS, Ph.D.	*	BOARD OF EXAMINERS
License No.: 1014	*	OF PSYCHOLOGISTS

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CONSENT ORDER

Based upon information received and a subsequent investigation by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (the "Board") and subject to Health Occupations Article, §18-101 et. seq., Annotated Code of Maryland (the "Act"), the Board charged Lloyd Edward Bills, Ph.D. (the "Respondent") with violation of §18-313(3) of the Act, which reads:

(3) Is convicted of or pleads guilty or nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside. . . .

Section 18-315 of the Act makes provision for a hearing utilizing the Administrative Procedure Act ("APA"), codified in Md. State Gov't. Code Ann. §10-201 et. seq. Pursuant to the APA, the Board and the Respondent agreed that the Board would delegate its hearing function to the Office of Administrative Hearings. Janet K. Brown, Assistant Attorney

General, served as the administrative prosecutor in the case. Jack C. Tranter, Esquire and John C. Dougherty, Esquire represented the Respondent. Prior to a hearing on the charges, the parties agreed to resolve this matter by this Consent Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times relevant hereto, Respondent was licensed to practice psychology in the State of Maryland.

2. Respondent pled guilty to a charge of a third-degree sexual offense on November 29, 1990 before the Honorable John Grason Turnbull, II, in the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Case No. 90-CR-5189, State of Maryland v. Lloyd Edward Bills.

3. On January 3, 1991 Judge Turnbull imposed a sentence of probation before judgment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact, the Board concludes as a matter of law that Respondent violated §18-313(3) of the Act.

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and the agreement of the parties, it is this 18th day of June, 1993, by a majority of a quorum of the Board;

ORDERED that Respondent is hereby REPRIMANDED; and be it further

ORDERED that Respondent is placed on PROBATION for three years from the date of this Order subject to the following conditions:

1. Respondent shall not interview, treat, or test clients under the age of eighteen (18), provided, however, that Respondent may continue to supervise individuals who interview, treat, and test such persons. Respondent shall not, under any circumstances, meet with a client under the age of eighteen (18) without the presence of another adult.

2. Respondent shall notify the Board immediately if his responsibilities at his current place of employment change from the duties he currently holds or if he changes his place of employment.

3. Respondent agrees that he will provide a copy of this Order to his employer and, if he changes employment during the period of probation, to any future employer. Respondent shall provide written notice to the Board that he has complied with this requirement.

4. Respondent shall continue in therapy, at his own expense, with his current therapist or with any other Board-approved therapist, until the Respondent's therapist informs the Board that it is unlikely Respondent's inappropriate behavior with a minor will recur. This assessment by Respondent's therapist shall be confirmed within

a reasonable amount of time by a board-approved independent evaluator who has had no prior involvement in this case. The independent evaluator shall be an individual with documented training and experience in the evaluation and treatment of persons with sexually-related problems. The Respondent shall bear the costs of this independent evaluation.

5. Respondent shall have his treating therapist submit quarterly reports to the Board evaluating Respondent's progress.

ORDERED if the Respondent violates any of the foregoing conditions of probation, the Board, after notification, a hearing and a determination of violation, may impose any lawful sanctions that are appropriate; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall practice psychology in accordance with the Maryland Psychologists Act and the Code of Ethics adopted by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED that three years after the effective date of this Order, Respondent may petition the Board for termination of Respondent's probationary status and reinstatement of Respondent's license to practice psychology in Maryland without any conditions or restrictions whatsoever. If Respondent has complied with all of the conditions of probation and if there are no outstanding complaints against Respondent and Respondent

has filed a Petition for Reinstatement, the Board will promptly act upon that Petition and reinstate Respondent's license without any conditions or restrictions; and be it further

ORDERED that the conditions of this Consent Order be and are hereby effective as of the date of this Consent Order.


Lloyd Edward Bills, Ph.D.


W. Sherrod Williams, Ph.D.
Chairman, Maryland State Board
of Examiners of Psychologists

APPROVED this 15th day of June, 1993
by a majority of a quorum of the Maryland State Board of
Examiners of Psychologists.


Nancy P. Tennis
Assistant Attorney General and
Counsel, Maryland State Board
of Examiners of Psychologists