

BEFORE THE DELAWARE SECRETARY OF STATE

ALEXANDRA GOLD, M.D.)
)
Controlled Substance)
Registration No.: DR-0009111)

ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

1. Alexandra Gold, M.D. holds a current controlled substance registration, first issued on January 2, 2013 and valid until June 30, 2015.

2. On November 21, 2013 Alexandra Gold, M.D. was arrested and charged with conspiracy to commit a violation of 21 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1), the unlawful knowing or intentional possession with the intent to distribute a controlled substance.

3. Also on November 21, 2013, the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) filed a criminal complaint captioned “United State of America v. Alexandra Gold” in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, case number 13-211M.

4. The DEA’s complaint alleges that Dr. Gold participated in the sale of controlled substances over the internet via the website “Silk Road” by shipping controlled substances through the mail in boxes of candy, utilizing an on-line alias identity and a shipping address registered to a fictitious company.

5. Specifically, the DEA’s complaint alleges that Dr. Gold participated in the sale of Oxycodone 80 mg (a Schedule II Controlled Substance); Valium 15 mg (a Schedule IV Controlled Substance); Xanax 2 mg (a Schedule IV Controlled Substance); Roxicodone (a Schedule II Controlled Substance); Adderall (a Schedule II Controlled Substance); and Codeine Promethazine syrup to persons over the internet using a “TOR” network, a program that the DEA complaint alleges makes it more difficult to trace internet activity back to the user.

6. The DEA’s complaint further alleges that when questioned by DEA agents, Dr. Gold admitted that she packaged controlled substances for distribution via the mail, assisted with

the packaging of Xanax, Oxycodone and Adderall in candy packages for distribution via the mail and mailed packages that she knew contained controlled substances.

7. On November 26, 2013, the United States District Court for the District of Delaware released Dr. Gold on secured bond and ordered Dr. Gold to surrender her DEA controlled substance registration.

8. Pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 4733(a)(2), the Secretary may consider a registrant's compliance with applicable federal, state and local law in determining whether continued registration is in the public interest. 16 *Del. C.* § 4733(a)(8) provides that the Secretary may consider any factor relevant to and consistent with the public interest in determining whether continued registration is in the public interest. Finally, the Secretary may, pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 4734(a), suspend any controlled substance registration upon a finding that the registrant's DEA registration or underlying practitioner license has been suspended or revoked.

9. The Secretary finds, by affixing his signature hereto, that an informal complaint alleging activity that demonstrates an imminent danger to the public health, safety or welfare, has been received regarding Dr. Gold and he has therefore proposed to temporarily suspend the controlled substance registration of Dr. Gold pending a full hearing on the matter.

10. Dr. Gold received at least 24 hours written notice of, and the opportunity to respond in writing to, the Secretary's proposal to temporarily suspend her controlled substance registration pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 4737(a). No written response was received from Dr. Gold or her attorney.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED this 5th day of December, 2013:

1. The controlled substance registration of Alexandra P. Gold, M.D., is hereby suspended pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 4737(a) as the Secretary finds that there is an imminent

danger to the public health or safety based on the serious allegations in the DEA's criminal complaint filed in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

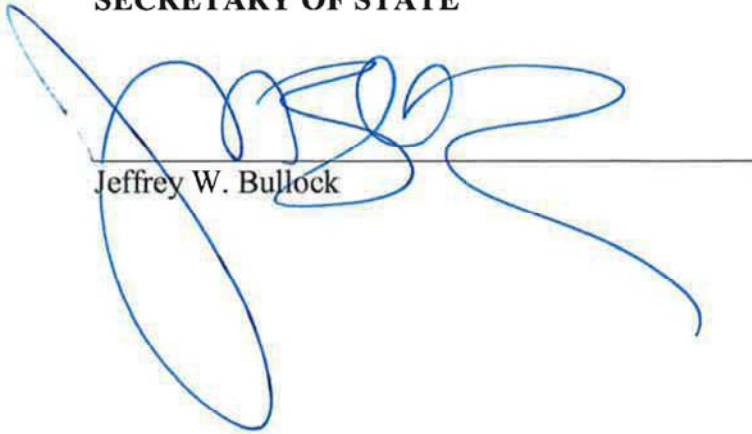
2. In accordance with the provisions of 16 *Del. C.* § 4735(e), all controlled substances owned by or in the possession of Alexandra P. Gold, M.D., are to be placed under seal by the Director of the Office of Controlled Substances.

3. Pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 4735(f), the Drug Enforcement Administration shall be notified of this suspension and provided with a copy of this Order.

4. Pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 4737(a), this order of temporary suspension pending a hearing will remain in effect for no longer than 60 days from the date of the issuance, at which time the Secretary or his designee will hold a rule to show cause hearing pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 4734(a), unless Dr. Gold requests a continuance of the hearing date. Should Dr. Gold request a continuance, this order of temporary suspension will remain in effect until the conclusion of all proceedings. At the time of the hearing, Dr. Gold shall have the right to present evidence on her own behalf and to be represented by counsel at her expense. She may request the attendance of witnesses and may submit documents. A final decision will be made based on the evidence received at the hearing.

5. Pursuant to 16 *Del. C.* § 4737(b), Dr. Gold will be notified of the temporary suspension immediately and in writing by way of personal service or certified mail, return receipt requested, to her last known address.

SECRETARY OF STATE



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