

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

In re: John Truhart, Paramedic

Petition No. 2003-0924-072-003

CONSENT ORDER

WHEREAS, John Truhart of New Haven (hereinafter "respondent") has been issued license number 001078 to practice as a paramedic by the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department") pursuant to Chapter 384d of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended; and,

WHEREAS, the Department alleges that:

1. At all relevant times, respondent was employed as a paramedic for American Medical Response of Connecticut, Inc.
2. On or about December 16, 1999, respondent responded to a call involving a ventilator-dependent pediatric patient at 44 Palmieri Avenue, New Haven.
3. Respondent failed to maintain control of the scene and failed to direct patient care treatment modalities.
4. Respondent failed to meet the standard of care in that he did not adequately evaluate the status of the patient, perform a physical examination or take vital signs until several minutes had passed and the patient was found to be lifeless.
5. Respondent failed to provide adequate treatment upon the discovery of the patient's cardiac arrest.

6. The above-described facts constitute grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, including but not limited to §19a-179-9(f), and/or the General Statutes of Connecticut, §20-206nn, including, but not limited to:
 - a. §20-206nn(1), and/or
 - b. §20-206nn(5).

WHEREAS, respondent, in consideration of this Consent Order, has chosen not to contest this matter and agrees that for purposes of this or any future proceedings before the Department of Public Health (hereinafter "the Department"), this Consent Order shall have the same effect as if proven and ordered after a full hearing held pursuant to §§19a-180, 19a-14 and 20-206nn of the General Statutes of Connecticut.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to §§19a-14, 19a-180, 19a-17 and 20-206nn of the General Statutes of Connecticut, respondent hereby stipulates and agrees to the following:

1. Respondent waives his right to a hearing on the merits of this matter.
2. Respondent's license number 001078 to practice as a paramedic in the State of Connecticut shall be placed on probation for a period of two years under the following terms and conditions:
 - a. Respondent shall provide his employer at any organization or company at which he is employed as a paramedic throughout the probationary period with a copy of this Consent Order within fifteen (15) days of its effective date, or within fifteen (15) days of commencement of employment at a new facility. Respondent agrees to provide reports from such employer monthly for the first year of probation, and quarterly for the remainder of the probationary period, stating that respondent is practicing with reasonable skill and safety.

- b. Respondent shall obtain at his own expense, the services of a supervisor, pre-approved by the Department (hereinafter "supervisor"), to conduct a monthly random quality assurance review of 20 percent (20%) or twenty (20) of respondent's patient records, whichever is the larger number. In the event respondent has twenty (20) or fewer patients, the supervisor shall review all of respondent's patient records.
- (1) Respondent's supervisor shall conduct such review and meet with him not less than once every month for the entire probationary period.
 - (2) The supervisor shall have the right to monitor respondent's practice by any other reasonable means which he or she deems appropriate. Respondent shall fully cooperate with the supervisor in providing such monitoring.
 - (3) Respondent shall be responsible for providing written supervisor reports directly to the Department monthly for the entire probationary period. Such supervisor's reports shall include documentation of dates and duration of meetings with respondent, number and a general description of the patient records and patient medication orders and prescriptions reviewed, additional monitoring techniques utilized, and statement that respondent is practicing with reasonable skill and safety.

3. All correspondence and reports are to be addressed to:

Michael Zanker, M.D., Medical Director
Office of Emergency Medical Services
Department of Public Health
410 Capitol Avenue, MS #12EMS
P.O. Box 340308
Hartford, CT 06134-0308

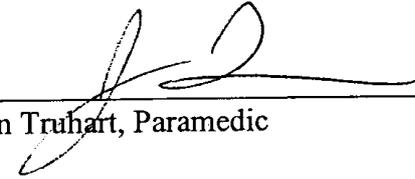
4. All reports required by the terms of this Consent Order shall be due according to a schedule to be established by the Department of Public Health.
5. Respondent shall comply with all state and federal statutes and regulations applicable to his licensure.
6. Respondent shall pay all costs necessary to comply with this Consent Order.
7. Any alleged violation of any provision of this Consent Order may result in the following procedures at the discretion of the Department:
 - a. The Department shall notify respondent in writing by first-class mail that the term(s) of this Consent Order have been violated, provided that no prior written consent for deviation from said term(s) has been granted.
 - b. Said notification shall include the acts or omission(s) which violate the term(s) of this Consent Order.
 - c. Respondent shall be allowed fifteen (15) days from the date of the mailing of notification required in paragraph 7a above to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Department that he has complied with the terms of this Consent Order or, in the alternative, that he has cured the violation in question.
 - d. If respondent does not demonstrate compliance or cure the violation by the limited fifteen (15) day date certain contained in the notification of violation to the satisfaction of the Department, he shall be entitled to a hearing before the Department which shall make a final determination of the disciplinary action to be taken.
 - e. Evidence presented to the Department by either the Department or respondent in any such hearing shall be limited to the alleged violation(s) of the term(s) of this Consent Order.

8. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, respondent agrees immediately to refrain from practicing as a paramedic upon request by the Department, with notice to the Department, for a period not to exceed 45 days. During that time period, respondent further agrees to cooperate with the Department in its investigation of the violation. Respondent further agrees that failure to cooperate with the Department in its investigation during said 45 day period shall constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of respondent's license. In any such summary action, respondent stipulates that failure to cooperate with the Department's investigation shall constitute an admission that his conduct constitutes a clear and immediate danger as required pursuant to the General Statutes of Connecticut, sections 4-182(c) and 19a-17(c).
9. In the event respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, said violation may also constitute grounds for the Department to seek a summary suspension of his license before the Department.
10. In the event respondent is not employed as a paramedic for periods of thirty (30) consecutive days or longer, or is employed as a paramedic less than twenty (20) hours per week, or is employed outside of the State of Connecticut, respondent shall notify the Department in writing. Such periods of time shall not be counted in reducing the probationary period covered by this Consent Order.
11. Legal notice shall be sufficient if sent to respondent's last known address of record reported to the Office of Practitioner Licensing and Certification of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems of the Department.
12. This Consent Order is effective on the first day of the month immediately following the date this Consent Order is accepted and ordered by the Department.
13. Respondent understands this Consent Order may be considered as a public document and evidence of the above admitted violations in any proceeding before the Department in

which his compliance with this Consent Order or with §20-206nn of the General Statutes of Connecticut, as amended, is at issue.

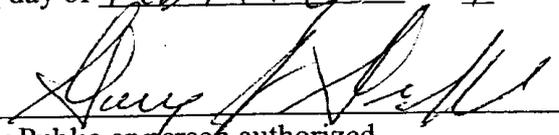
14. Any extension of time or grace period for reporting granted by the Department shall not be a waiver or preclude the Department from taking action at a later time. The Department shall not be required to grant future extensions of time or grace periods.
15. This Consent Order and terms set forth herein are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack or judicial review under any form or in any forum. Further, this Order is not subject to appeal or review under the provisions of Chapters 54 or 368a of the General Statutes of Connecticut, provided that this stipulation shall not deprive respondent of any rights that he may have under the laws of the State of Connecticut or of the United States.
16. This Consent Order is a revocable offer of settlement which may be modified by mutual agreement or withdrawn by the Department at any time prior to its being executed by the last signatory.
17. Respondent permits a representative of the Legal Office of the Bureau of Healthcare Systems to present this Consent Order and the factual basis for this Consent Order to the Department. Respondent understands that the Department has complete and final discretion as to whether this executed Consent Order is approved or accepted.
18. Respondent understands and agrees that he is responsible for satisfying all of the terms of this Consent Order during vacations and other periods in which he is away from his residence.
19. Respondent has the right to consult with an attorney prior to signing this document.
20. The execution of this document has no bearing on any criminal liability without the written consent of the Director of the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit or the Bureau Chief of the Division of Criminal Justice's Statewide Prosecution Bureau.

I, John Truhart, have read the above Consent Order, and I stipulate and agree to the terms as set forth therein. I further declare the execution of this Consent Order to be my free act and deed.



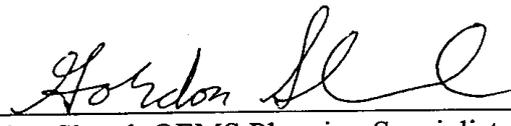
John Truhart, Paramedic

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of February 2004.



Notary Public or person authorized
by law to administer an oath or affirmation
My Commission Expires: 01-31-2007

The above Consent Order having been presented to the duly appointed agent of the
Commissioner of the Department of Public Health on the 4th day of
February 2004, it is hereby accepted.



Gordon Shand, OEMS Planning Specialist
Office of Emergency Medical Services