

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

IN THE MATTER OF )  
)  
LORI CHAMPION MELTON, ) **CONSENT ORDER TERMINATING**  
) **SUMMARY SUSPENSION**  
Technician Registration No. 1622 )

THIS MATTER came on for consideration at a prehearing conference (hereinafter, “conference”) pursuant to 21 N.C.A.C. 46 .2008. This conference was scheduled for March 18, 2013, and, after appropriate notice, was heard on that day at the office of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy (hereinafter, “Board”) by Board member Dr. J. Parker Chesson, Jr. Respondent Lori Champion Melton (“Melton”) and her counsel, James A. Wilson, were informed of their right to be present at the conference, in person, and waived that right. Board Counsel Clinton R. Pinyan and members of the Board’s investigative and legal staff were present at this conference.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Respondent Lori Champion Melton holds technician registration 1622. At all relevant times, Respondent Melton was a technician at Tayloe’s Hospital Pharmacy, 601 East 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, NC 27889 (Permit No. 01809).
2. On April 10, 2012, Respondent Melton was charged by a grand jury in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina with felony counts related to obtaining hydrocodone, clonazepam and propoxyphene by misrepresentation, fraud and deception.
3. On May 15, 2012, the Board summarily suspended Respondent Melton’s registration as a pharmacy technician.

4. On January 23, 2013, the United States Attorney dismissed all of the charges against Respondent Melton.

5. Respondent Melton has requested termination of the summary suspension.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

In order to resolve the request for termination of the summary suspension, the Board finds and concludes that it is appropriate to grant the request for termination of the summary suspension. This conclusion is made solely to resolve the request for termination of the summary suspension.

Based upon the foregoing, and with the consent of the parties, IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the request for termination of the summary suspension of Respondent Melton's registration, Technician Registration No. 1622, is GRANTED. The summary suspension of Respondent Melton's registration is terminated without prejudice to the authority of the Board to institute a disciplinary proceeding against Respondent Melton at a later date. In the event that any such disciplinary proceeding is instituted, this Consent Order shall not constitute an admission, finding or conclusion about the merits of any such proceeding by any party, nor about any discipline that might or might not be appropriate.

This the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2013.

NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF PHARMACY

By:   
Jay W. Campbell, IV  
Executive Director

Lori Champion Melton, the holder of technician registration number 1622, has full knowledge that she has the right to a hearing on her request for termination of her summary suspension, at which she would have the right to be represented at her expense by counsel, in this matter. The undersigned freely, knowingly and voluntarily waives such right by entering into this Consent Order.


The undersigned understands and agrees that by entering into this Consent Order, she certifies that she has read the foregoing Consent Order and that she voluntarily consents to the terms and conditions set forth therein and relinquishes any right to judicial review of this Consent Order.

The undersigned further understands that should she violate the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, the Board may take disciplinary action.

The undersigned understands and agrees that this Consent Order will not become effective unless and until approved by the Board.

The undersigned understands that she has the right to have counsel of her choice review and advise her with respect to her rights and this Consent Order, and represents that she enters this Consent Order after consultation with her counsel or after knowingly and voluntarily choosing not to consult with counsel.

CONSENTED TO BY:

 Date 03/19/2013  
Lori Champion Melton  
(Technician Registration No. 1622)

NORTH CAROLINA

Beaufort COUNTY

I, the undersigned Notary Public of the County and State aforesaid, do hereby certify that the following person(s) personally appeared before me this day, and each acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing document: Lori Champion Melton.

Date: 3-19-13

  
Notary Public

My commission expires: 12-5-13