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**BEFORE THE ARIZONA REGULATORY BOARD
OF PHYSICIANS ASSISTANTS**

In the Matter of
James Godfrey Morphis, P.A.
Holder of License No. 3283
For the Performance of Healthcare Tasks
In the State of Arizona.

Case No. PA-16-0038A
**INTERIM CONSENT AGREEMENT FOR
PRACTICE RESTRICTION**

By mutual agreement and understanding, between the Arizona Regulatory Board of Physicians Assistants ("Board") and James Godfrey Morphis, P.A. ("Respondent"), the parties enter into this Interim Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order ("Interim Consent Agreement") as an interim disposition of this matter.

INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of physician assistants in the State of Arizona.
2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 3283 for the performance of healthcare tasks in the State of Arizona.
3. The Board initiated case number PA-16-0038A after receiving information indicating that Respondent had been charged with felonies.
4. On June 7, 2016, a criminal complaint was filed in Maricopa County Superior Court case CR2016-126427-001 alleging that Respondent had committed multiple felonies.
5. The investigation into this matter is pending and will return to the Board promptly upon completion for review and action.

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INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over Respondent.
- 2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2505(C)(23), the Executive Director may enter into consent agreements if there is evidence of danger to the public health and safety.

INTERIM ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

- 1. Respondent is prohibited from engaging in the practice of medicine with physician supervision in the State of Arizona as set forth in A.R.S. § 32-2501(13). Respondent shall not return to the practice of medicine under physician supervision until he applies to the Board and demonstrates his ability to safely carry out approved healthcare tasks and receives the Board's permission to do so. In addition, prior to making its final decision, the Board may require any combination of staff approved assessments, evaluations, treatments, examinations or interviews it finds necessary to assist in determining whether Respondent is able to safely resume such practice.
- 2. The Board retains jurisdiction and may initiate new action based upon any violation of this Interim Consent Agreement, including, but not limited to, summarily suspending Respondent's license.
- 3. Because this is an Interim Consent Agreement and not a final decision by the Board regarding the pending investigation, it is subject to further consideration by the Board.
- 4. This Interim Consent Agreement shall be effective on the date signed by the Board's Executive Director.

RECITALS

Respondent understands and agrees that:

1 1. The Board, through its Executive Director, may adopt this Interim Consent
2 Agreement, or any part thereof, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2505(C)(18).

3 2. Respondent has read and understands this Interim Consent Agreement as
4 set forth herein, and has had the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent Agreement
5 with an attorney or has waived the opportunity to discuss this Interim Consent
6 Agreement with an attorney. Respondent voluntarily enters into this Interim Consent
7 Agreement and by doing so agrees to abide by all of its terms and conditions.
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9 3. By entering into this Interim Consent Agreement, Respondent freely and
10 voluntarily relinquishes all rights to an administrative hearing on the matters set forth
11 herein, as well as all rights of rehearing, review, reconsideration, appeal, judicial review
12 or any other administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to the
13 Interim Consent Agreement.

14 4. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not
15 constitute a dismissal or resolution of this matter or any matters that may be currently
16 pending before the Board and does not constitute any waiver, express or implied, of the
17 Board's statutory authority or jurisdiction regarding any other pending or future
18 investigations, actions, or proceedings. Respondent does not relinquish his rights to an
19 administrative hearing, rehearing, review, reconsideration, judicial review or any other
20 administrative and/or judicial action, concerning the matters related to a final disposition
21 of this matter, unless he affirmatively does so as part of the final resolution of this matter.
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23 5. Respondent acknowledges and agrees that upon signing this Interim
24 Consent Agreement and returning it to the Board's Executive Director, Respondent may
25 not revoke his acceptance of this Interim Consent Agreement or make any modifications

1 to it. Any modification of this original document is ineffective and void unless mutually
2 approved by the parties in writing.

3 6. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement shall not
4 become effective unless and until it is signed by the Board's Executive Director.

5 7. Respondent understands and agrees that if the Board's Executive Director
6 does not adopt this Interim Consent Agreement, he will not assert in any future
7 proceedings that the Board's consideration of this Interim Consent Agreement
8 constitutes bias, prejudice, prejudgment, or other similar defense.

9 8. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement is a public
10 record that may be publicly disseminated as a formal action of the Board, and that it
11 shall be reported as required by law to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

12 9. Respondent understands that this Interim Consent Agreement does not
13 alleviate his responsibility to comply with the applicable license-renewal statutes and
14 rules. If this Interim Consent Agreement remains in effect at the time Respondent's
15 physician assistant license comes up for renewal, he must renew his license if
16 Respondent wishes to retain his license. If Respondent elects not to renew his license
17 as prescribed by statute and rule, Respondent's license will not expire but rather, by
18 operation of law (A.R.S. § 32-3202), become suspended until the Board takes final
19 action in this matter. Once the Board takes final action, in order for Respondent to be
20 licensed in the future, he must submit a new application for licensure and meet all of the
21 requirements set forth in the statutes and rules at that time.

22 10. Respondent understands that any violation of this Interim Consent
23 Agreement constitutes unprofessional conduct under, among other things, A.R.S. § 32-
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1 2501(18)(dd) (“[v]iolating a formal order, probation agreement, stipulation issued or
2 entered into by the board or its executive director.”).
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6 James Godfrey Morphis, P.A.

DATED: 6/18/16

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9 DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 23rd day of June, 2016.

10 ARIZONA REGULATROY BOARD OF
11 PHYSICAN ASSISTANTS

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13 By 
14 Patricia McSorley
15 Executive Director

16 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing mailed
17 this 23rd day of June, 2016 to:

18 James Godfrey Morphis, P.A.
19 Address of Record

20 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed
21 this 23rd day of June, 2016 with:

22 Arizona Regulatory Board of Physician Assistants
23 9545 E. Doubletree Ranch Road
24 Scottsdale, AZ 85258

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Board Staff