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12 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA STATE BOARD
13 OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

14 In the Matter of:

Case No. 2006-34

15 **John Kent, Ph.D.**

16 **ORDER OF SUMMARY
17 SUSPENSION**

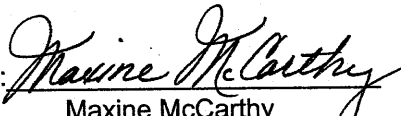
18 Holder of License No. 3339
19 For the Practice of Psychology
20 In the State of Arizona,

21 Respondent.

22 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2081 (A) and (E) that license number 3339, issued to
23 Respondent, be **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**. This order is based on the Factual Allegations set forth in
24 the Complaint and Notice of Hearing dated October 24, 2006. This suspension becomes effective on the
25 date of receipt by certified mail and will continue to be effective pending proceedings for revocation or
26 other action by the Board.

DATED AND EFFECTIVE this 24th day of October, 2006.

27 **ARIZONA STATE BOARD OF
28 PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

29 By: 
30 Maxine McCarthy
31 Executive Director

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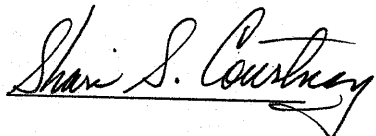
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF ARIZONA**

In the Matter of)	No. 06-34
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John Taylor Kent, Ph.D.)	CONSENT AGREEMENT,
)	FINDINGS OF FACT,
Holder of License No. 3339)	CONCLUSIONS OF LAW,
for the Practice of Psychology)	AND ORDER OF MEDICAL INACTIVE
in the State of Arizona)	STATUS
_____)		

On October 6, 2006, the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") discussed Case No. 06-34 regarding John Taylor Kent, Ph.D. ("Licensee"), who was not present at the proceedings. The Board voted to summarily suspend Licensee and referred the matter to a Formal Hearing. Additionally, the Board voted to require Licensee to undergo mental and physical evaluations at the Licensee's expense.

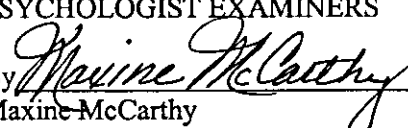
CONSENT AGREEMENT

1. The Board and Licensee enter into this Consent Agreement in order to promptly and judiciously resolve these matters, consistent with the public interest and the statutory requirements of the Board.
2. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.07(F)(5), the Board will adopt the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order set forth below.
3. Licensee has the right to consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Consent Agreement. He has read and understands the Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, and makes this agreement freely and voluntarily. He irrevocably waives his right to a hearing, rehearing, or judicial review.
4. The Consent Agreement and Order will be effective when signed by the Board's Executive Director. If this Agreement is not accepted by the Board, it may not be used for any purpose. The Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order, if accepted, are a public record.



John Taylor Kent, Ph.D.

25 March 2007
Date

ARIZONA BOARD OF
PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS
By 

Maxine McCarthy
Executive Director

April 9, 2007
Date

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JURISDICTION

1. The Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners ("Board") is authorized to regulate the practice of psychology in Arizona pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 32-2061, *et seq.*

2. Licensee is the holder of License No. 3339 for the practice of psychology in the State of Arizona.

3. The Board has personal and subject matter jurisdiction over Licensee pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061 *et seq.*

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FINDINGS OF FACT

4. On May 8, 2006, the Licensee was provided a "Notice of Charges of Misconduct" from his employer, the Arizona Department of Corrections, regarding allegations of misconduct in his duties as a psychologist. The letter was signed by Mr. Steve Ickes, Division Director.

5. On May 11, 2006, the Licensee provided his response to the allegations in a letter addressed to Mr. Ickes.

6. On May 16, 2006, the Arizona Department of Corrections, Mr. Ickes, dismissed Licensee from employment as a psychologist.

7. Thereafter, the Board received and considered various materials, and on October 6, 2006 voted to summarily suspend Licensee's license as a psychologist. The Board also ordered various Mental and Physical Evaluations. The evaluation conducted by Dr. Mary Desch concluded that Licensee is currently not able to practice psychology.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

8. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061(A)(13)(l) (Practicing psychology while . . . incapacitated to the extent and in a manner that . . . renders the psychological services provided ineffective) and A.R.S. § 32-2061(A)(13)(o) (. . . otherwise engaging in activities as a psychologist that are unprofessional by current standards of practice).

ORDER

MEDICAL INACTIVE STATUS

9. Based on the foregoing Consent Agreement, Findings of Fact, and Conclusions of Law, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** placing Licensee on **Medical Inactive Status**. Licensee shall not practice

1 psychology in Arizona, as defined by A.R.S. § 32-2061(A)(8), nor hold himself out as permitted to
2 practice psychology in Arizona, **until** he appears before the Board and demonstrates by appropriate
3 means his fitness to practice. As part of that process, the Board may order an Independent Medical
4 Examination by a psychiatrist or psychologist of its choosing. The Board may order probation or other
5 conditions of reinstatement as it deems appropriate under the circumstances. During the period of
6 Medical Inactive Status, if Licensee allows his license to expire, any new license granted to Licensee shall
7 be subject to all terms of this Consent Agreement.

8 **10. Obey All Laws:** Licensee shall obey all federal and state laws pertaining to the practice
9 of psychology.

10 **11. Interview:** Licensee shall appear in person for interviews with the Board or its designee
11 upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

12 **12. Current Address and Phone Number:** Within five (5) days of changing home or
13 business address or telephone number, Licensee shall notify the Board in writing of the change.

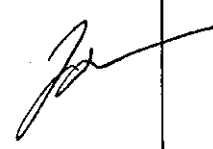
14 **13. Modification or Termination:** Licensee shall not request modification or termination of
15 this Order for a period of six (6) months from the date of this Order and any such request must include
16 documentation demonstrating Licensee's current ability to safely practice psychology, Licensee's plan of
17 suggested monitoring and other provisions intended to address a safe return to the practice of Psychology.

18 **14. Strict Enforcement:** The Board shall strictly enforce the terms of this Order. Any
19 violation of the Order by Licensee shall be grounds for disciplinary action, including summary
20 suspension, pending hearing for revocation or other action. Licensee bears responsibility for the timely
21 delivery to the Board's office of all reports, information and documents required to be submitted under
22 this Order. Lack of timely receipt at the Board's office constitutes a violation of this Order.

23 DATED this 9th day of April, 2007.

24 ARIZONA BOARD OF
25 PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

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3 COPY of the foregoing mailed by certified mail
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