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MEDIA ALERT

<u>Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing enters Stipulation and Order with Nicola Irene Riley over unlawful conduct regarding her Utah medical licenses</u> (For immediate release)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah – Mark Steinagel, Director of the Utah Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing (DOPL), announced today that Nicola Irene Riley and DOPL have entered into a Stipulation and Order agreement. According to the Stipulation and Order, Riley admits that she provided inaccurate information regarding her criminal background when she applied for a Utah medical and controlled substance license in 2004. As a result, DOPL has set forth that Riley will face disciplinary action for her unlawful behavior including a public record against her licenses, she is ordered to pay the Division a \$10,000 fine within 18 months of the signed Order and must deliver a written essay to DOPL and the Physicians Licensing Board within 3 months describing her unprofessional conduct and the effects it has had on her patients and her profession.

In signing this Stipulation and Order with the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Nicola I. Riley has waived her right to a hearing before the Physicians Licensing Board on this matter. This agreement is in addition to an earlier letter that was signed by Riley where she agreed not to perform abortions in Utah while the State of Maryland continued its investigation into an alleged "botched" abortion procedure where the patient suffered severe medical complications.

In issuing this Stipulation and Order, DOPL has not given up its right to issue other actions against Riley in the future. The Division continues to monitor Maryland's proceeding in the Riley investigation and may pursue further charges in Utah.

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