

VIRGINIA:

Before the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

In the Matter of
Dana Lauren Tapper, Attorney at Law

VSB Docket No. 18-032-112017

CONSENT TO REVOCATION ORDER

On September 10, 2018, came Respondent Dana Lauren Tapper and presented to the Board an Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation (hereinafter "Affidavit") of her license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth. By tendering her Consent to Revocation at a time when allegations of Misconduct are pending, the nature of which are specifically set forth in the attached Affidavit, Respondent acknowledges that that the material facts upon which the allegations of Misconduct are pending are true.

The Board having considered the Affidavit, and Bar Counsel having no objection, the Board accepts her Consent to Revocation.

Upon consideration whereof, it is therefore ordered that Dana Lauren Tapper's license to practice law in the courts of this Commonwealth be and the same hereby is revoked, and that the name of Dana Lauren Tapper be stricken from the Roll of Attorneys of this Commonwealth.

Entered this 13th day of September, 2018.

Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board

By: Sandra L. Havrilak
Sandra L. Havrilak, First Vice Chair

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VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA STATE BAR DISCIPLINARY BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF
DANA LAUREN TAPPER

VS B Docket No. 18-032-112017

AFFIDAVIT DECLARING CONSENT TO REVOCATION

Dana Lauren Tapper, after being duly sworn, states as follows:

1. That I, Dana Lauren Tapper, was licensed to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia on 10/31/2013;

2. That I, Dana Lauren Tapper, submit this Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation pursuant to Rule of Court, Part 6, Section IV, Paragraph 13-28.

3. That my consent to revocation is freely and voluntarily rendered, that I am not being subjected to coercion or duress, and that I am fully aware of the implications of consenting to the revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia;

4. I, Dana Lauren Tapper, am aware that there is currently pending a complaint, an investigation into, or a proceeding involving, allegations of misconduct, the docket number for which is set forth above, and the specific nature of which is here set forth, and in the Conviction Order attached hereto:

a. On August 2, 2018, I pled guilty to and was convicted of conspiring to provide a cellular phone to an inmate in violation of Virginia Code §18.2-431.1. I was sentenced to five (5) years in the Virginia Department of Corrections with all but three (3) months suspended for the longest period allowed by law;

b. On August 2, 2018, I pled guilty to and was convicted of providing a cellular phone to an inmate in violation of Virginia Code §18.2-431.1. I was

sentenced to five (5) years in the Virginia Department of Corrections with all five (5) years suspended for the longest period allowed by law;

c. On August 2, 2018, I pled guilty to and was convicted of conspiring to deliver a controlled substance to an inmate in violation of Virginia Code §18.2-474.1. I was sentenced to ten (10) years in the Virginia Department of Corrections with all ten (10) years suspended for the longest period allowed by law.

5. I, Dana Lauren Tapper, acknowledge that the material facts upon which the allegations of misconduct are predicated are true; and

6. I, Dana Lauren Tapper, submit this Affidavit and consent to the revocation of my license to practice law in the Commonwealth of Virginia because I know that if the disciplinary proceedings based on the said alleged misconduct were brought or prosecuted to a conclusion, I could not successfully defend them.

Executed and dated on August 16, 2018 Dana L. Tapper
Dana Lauren Tapper
Respondent

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY/COUNTY OF Richmond, to wit:

The foregoing Affidavit Declaring Consent to Revocation was subscribed and sworn to before me by Dana Lauren Tapper on 8/16/18.

Ashley Nicole McCaskill
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 12/31/18.



CONVICTION AND SENTENCING ORDER

In the Circuit Court of the County of PRINCE GEORGE

Hearing Date: AUGUST 2, 2018 at 9:00 AM

Judge: W. ALLAN SHARRETT

Attorney for Defendant: CRAIG S. COOLEY

Attorney for Commonwealth: MARK BARNARD

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

v. CR18000137-00 THRU CR18000142-00

DANA LAUREN TAPPER, DEFENDANT

This day came the defendant, who appeared in person and was represented by counsel. The attorney for the Commonwealth was present.

The defendant is indicted on the following offense(s):

Offense Tracking Number	Virginia Crime Code (For Administrative Use Only)	Code Section	Case Number
149CR1800013700	TEL-3196-C6	18.2-431.1	CR18000137-00
Offense Date: 12/07/2017	Description: PROVIDE PRISONER W/ CELL PHONE		
149CR1800013800	TEL-3196-F6	18.2-431.1	CR18000138-00
Offense Date: 12/07/2017	Description: PROVIDE PRISONER W/ CELL PHONE		
149CR1800013900	PRI-3241-F5	18.2-474.1	CR18000139-00
Offense Date: 12/07/2017	Description: PRISONER-DELIVER DRUGS/SYNTH		
149CR1800014000	PRI-3241-F5	18.2-474.1	CR18000140-00
Offense Date: 12/07/2017	Description: PRISONER-DELIVER DRUGS/SYNTH		
149CR1800014100	NAR-3135-C5	18.2-248	CR18000141-00
Offense Date: 12/07/2017	Description: SELL/DISTRB SCH III NO STEROID		
149CR1800014200	NAR-3135-F5	18.2-248	CR18000142-00
Offense Date: 12/07/2017	Description: SELL/DISTRB SCH III NO STEROID		

Whereupon the defendant was arraigned on the original charges and, after being advised by counsel, pleaded guilty to indictments CR18000137-00 thru CR18000139-00 upon which the defendant was arraigned, which plea was tendered by the defendant in person.

Having made inquiry and being of the opinion that the defendant's plea pursuant to a written plea agreement presented to the Court was made voluntarily with an understanding of the nature of the charges and the consequences of the plea, and of the waiver of trial by jury and of appeal, the Court accepted the plea agreement and proceeded to hear and determine the cases without a jury as provided by law, and having heard the evidence and argument of counsel, finds the defendant guilty of the following:

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Offense Date: 12/07/2017	Description: PRISONER-DELIVER DRUGS/SYNTH		

Thereupon, the Attorney for the Commonwealth made a motion to Nolle Prosequi Indictments CR18000140-00, CR18000141-00 and CR18000142-00, which motion the Court granted.

☒ No presentence report was ordered.

Pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code § 19.2-298.01, the Court has considered and reviewed the applicable discretionary sentencing guidelines and the guidelines worksheets. The sentencing guidelines worksheets and the written explanation of any departure from the guidelines are ordered filed as a part of the record in these cases.

Before pronouncing the sentence, the Court inquired if the defendant desired to make a statement and if the defendant desired to advance any reason why judgment should not be pronounced.

The court **SENTENCES** the defendant to:

Case No. **CR18000137-00** Description: **PROVIDE PRISONER W/ CELL PHONE**

[X] Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections for the term of: **5 years**.

[X] **COSTS**. The defendant is ordered to pay all costs of this case.

[X] The court **SUSPENDS 4 years, 9 months** of incarceration for the maximum amount of time allowed by law upon the condition(s) specified in Suspended Sentence Conditions.

Case No. **CR18000138-00** Description: **PROVIDE PRISONER W/ CELL PHONE**

[X] Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections for the term of: **5 years**.

[X] **COSTS**. The defendant is ordered to pay all costs of this case.

[X] The court **SUSPENDS 5 years** of incarceration for the maximum amount of time allowed by law upon the condition(s) specified in Suspended Sentence Conditions.

Case No. **CR18000139-00** Description: **PRISONER-DELIVER DRUGS/SYNTH**

[X] Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections for the term of: **10 years**.

[X] **COSTS**. The defendant is ordered to pay all costs of this case.

[X] The court **SUSPENDS 10 years** of incarceration for the maximum amount of time allowed by law upon the condition(s) specified in Suspended Sentence Conditions.

Consecutive/concurrent:

[X] These sentences shall run consecutively with all other sentences.

Suspended Sentence Conditions:

[X] **Good Behavior:** The defendant shall be of good behavior for the maximum amount of time allowed by law upon the defendant's release from confinement; and to include the terms and conditions of the written plea agreement.

[X] **Supervised Probation:** The defendant is placed on probation under the supervision of a Probation Officer to commence upon release from incarceration for an indefinite period of time or unless sooner released by the court or by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall comply with all the rules and requirements set by the Probation Officer. Probation shall include substance abuse counseling and/or testing as prescribed by the Probation Officer.

[X] The defendant shall provide a DNA sample and legible fingerprints as directed.

[X] **Special conditions:** Pursuant the Plea Agreement, the defendant shall waive her Fourth Amendment right against unreasonable searches and seizures for a period of three (3) years from the date of her release from incarceration. During this time, any probation or law enforcement officer from any local, state, or federal agency may seize and search the defendant's person, place of residence, and/or property at any time of the day or night with or without a warrant.

The Court doth grant the defendant a delayed reporting until August 13, 2018 at 6:00 P. M.; the defendant has been provided and endorsed the Riverside Regional Jail Delayed Reporting Rules for Inmates regarding her delayed report date.

The defendant was allowed to depart.

The defendant shall be given credit for time spent in confinement while awaiting trial pursuant to Virginia Code § 53.1-187.

ENTER: 8.24.18


JUDGE

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION:

Name: DANA LAUREN TAPPER

Alias :

SSN : [REDACTED] DOB: [REDACTED] Sex: F

SENTENCE SUMMARY:

Total Incarceration Sentence Imposed: 20 YEARS

Total Sentence Suspended: 19 YEARS, 9 MONTHS

Total Supervised Probation Term: INDEFINITE

I, BISHOP KNOTT, JR., CLERK, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DOCUMENT TO WHICH THIS AUTHENTICATION IS AFFIXED IS A TRUE COPY OF A RECORD IN THE PRINCE GEORGE CIRCUIT COURT, AND THAT I AM CUSTODIAN OF THAT RECORD.

8/27/18
Date
Bishop Knott, Jr., Clerk
Clerk/Deputy Clerk