

VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE No. 23063

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY

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I, John J. Poland, M.D., am aware of my rights to representation by counsel, the right of being formally charged and having a formal adjudicative hearing, and do hereby freely execute this document and choose to take the actions described herein.

I, John J. Poland, M.D., do hereby voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently surrender my license to practice medicine and surgery, No. 23063, to the Ohio State Medical Board.

I understand that as a result of the surrender herein that I am no longer permitted to practice medicine and surgery in any form or manner in the State of Ohio.

I further understand that the acceptance of this surrender by the Ohio State Medical Board is in lieu of any formal disciplinary action, pursuant to Section 4731.22 and Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. I hereby agree not to apply for reinstatement of my medical license, or issuance of any new license by the Ohio State Medical Board, on or after the date of this surrender.

Signed this 16th day of February, 19 82 in the office of Common Pleas Court Probation.

John J. Poland  
JOHN J. POLAND, M.D.

B. H. Everett  
WITNESS

C. S. Yonkovic  
WITNESS

Sworn to and signed before me this 16th day of Feb, 19 82.

Herbert L. Terry  
Notary Public HERBERT L. TERRY  
Notary Public, State of Ohio - Cuyahoga Co.  
My Commission Expires July 17, 1984

# East Cleveland doctor guilty of drug crimes

By John Nussbaum

Dr. John J. Poland, controversial East Cleveland physician, surrendered his medical and narcotics licenses yesterday and pleaded guilty to three charges of drug trafficking and one charge of receiving stolen property.

In return, the state dropped 53 other charges, most of them involving drug violations. Common Pleas Judge Ralph A. McAllister postponed sentencing pending a probation department investigation and continued Poland's \$25,000 bond.

Poland's trial was set for Monday. A hearing on preliminary motions by Poland's lawyers was scheduled for yesterday. Instead, Poland changed his plea after several hours of negotiations between Asst. County prosecutors Regis E. McGann Jr. and Jack Hudson and defense lawyers Sanford I. Atkin and David Nittskoff.

McGann told McAllister that an essential condition of the plea bargaining was that Poland give up his medical practice and his right to prescribe. Atkin assured the judge that Poland would deliver all his medical and narcotics licenses to his law office.

Although Poland, 64, could be sentenced to six months to five years in prison and fined \$2,500, the plea bargain made him eligible for immediate probation.

Some of the charges, dropped carried mandatory prison terms.

Hudson said the prosecution agreed to the compromise because of the large number of charges and because it was primarily interested in getting Poland's medical and drug licenses.

The charges against Poland stemmed from a raid Sept. 16 on his home office, at 1812 Farmington Rd., by federal drug agents and deputy sheriffs.

Agents seized about 500,000 pills, assorted firearms and more than 50 hours of videotapes on which Poland recorded his sexual encounters with 15 women since 1979. Many of the drug-trafficking charges resulted from a viewing of the tapes. Two of the guns seized had been reported stolen.

The charges to which Poland pleaded guilty were two illegal sales of Thendinetrazine, one sale of Seconal and receiving a stolen shotgun.

Poland, a native of the Netherlands, came to the United States in 1954.

The September raid culminated a four-year investigation, which began after the 1977 trial of two men accused of beating and robbing him. Poland testified the robbers took 24,000 sleeping pills and sedatives.

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# Physician in sex tapes faces drug-sale counts

CLEVELAND (UPI) — A prominent physician has been indicted on charges of dispensing stimulant pills to patients and police seized videotape cassettes showing him having sexual relations with 20 to 30 women, it was disclosed Tuesday.

The Cuyahoga County grand jury voted late Monday to charge Dr. John J. Poland of East Cleveland with 19 counts of illegal drug sales and three counts of issuing false prescriptions, law enforcement officials said.

The secret indictment will not become public for another day or two, the county prosecutor's office said. Poland remained free on \$25,000 bond.

Poland, 64, was arrested on a charge of illegal drug sales during a raid on his office last Thursday by county sheriff's department narcotics officers and federal Drug Enforcement Administration agents.

Authorities said they confiscated more than 400,000 pills and boxes of patient records during the raid, which capped a four-year investigation.

Investigators alleged Poland was overprescribing amphetamine-like stimulants, essentially dispensing whatever his mostly female patients wanted.

"Sometimes he'd be giving well over 200 tablets at a time," said Capt.

Earl Zimlich, head of the sheriff's department's narcotics squad.

Investigators also seized eight six-hour videotape cassettes, one of which showed Poland having sexual relations with 20 to 30 women, a number of whom have been identified as the doctor's patients, Zimlich said.

"We're contending these are patient-doctor records, because drugs are discussed on the tapes, along with 'physical examinations,'" Zimlich said.

Some of the women apparently were under the influence of some sort of drug at the time and might have been unaware of what was happening to them, he said.

"We see some patients who, from our viewing, are higher than a kite," Zimlich said.

Zimlich said the 35 to 45 hours worth of tapes dated from 1979 to Poland's arrest last week. At the time of the raid, Poland said the videotapes were of an "educational" nature.

Authorities plan to view the rest of the tapes later, Zimlich said.

Investigators also were completing an inventory of dozens of guns seized in the raid. Poland is a licensed gun dealer and a collector, but officials said they wanted to make sure none of the weapons had been stolen.

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# Poland sentenced, gets 1-5 years

A shocked Dr. John J. Poland, who will be 65 in July, was handcuffed by sheriff deputies after Common Pleas Judge Ralph A. McAllister ordered him to begin a 1-to-5-year prison sentence for drug trafficking.

"I still claim to be innocent. I only pleaded guilty to get away from a jail term," the former East Cleveland doctor told McAllister at the sentencing yesterday.

"I was helping people addicted to drugs. I brought them back from heroin addiction and gave them lower drugs that were available on the market. These people came back capable citizens. The drugs I gave them had no street value. I made no profit off them," pleaded Poland, a former candidate for public office.

Judge McAllister, who had ordered Poland to give up his medical practice when he accepted his guilty plea to three drug charges and a receiving stolen property charge Feb. 16, was not impressed.

The judge said: "I find no degree of culpability greater than when a physi-

cian who has a right to dispense drugs deliberately engages in drug traffic. You have disgraced your profession and yourself. Instead of being a help to mankind, you were a detriment."

Poland is eligible for parole in about 10 months, but David Nittskoff, one of his two attorneys, said it is extremely likely that he will file for shock probation after 30 days.

Fifty-three other charges had been dropped against Poland when he pleaded guilty. Most of the charges stemmed from a Sept. 16 raid on his combined home and office, which yielded 418,000 pills, more than 200 guns and several boxes of video tapes.

The confiscated tapes allegedly revealed sexual relationships the doctor had with women. But Nittskoff said the tapes had no relationship to the drugs and would not have been admissible in a trial.

Poland, a Republican, ran unsuccessfully for county coroner in 1976 and 1972. He also lost when he ran for the 21st District Ohio Senate seat in 1970.



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