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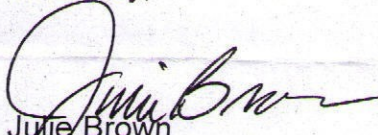
Dear Dr.

The Board of Psychology has concluded its review concerning the above-referenced complaint. The Board would like to provide you information to assist you in the future. This case is now closed and no further action is anticipated.

The Expert that reviewed the complaint indicated that although it was clear you had your patient's best interests in mind, and was cognizant of the professional, legal, and ethical aspects to the treatment of a suicidal patient, your handling of boundaries are questionable. There are indications that the boundaries of the therapy for both could have been reconsidered. While it is difficult to treat patients who are friends of each other, especially when one of them is acutely suicidal, it may be more useful practice to refer a close friend of a patient to another therapist. This might have assisted you in keeping boundaries of treatment more manageable when a crisis developed.

This case is now closed and no further action is anticipated. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,


Julie Brown
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California Board of Psychology

cc: Alan I. Kaplan