

BEFORE THE KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

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In The Matter Of)
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DONALD PFUETZE, DDS)
LICENSE NO. 4552)

Case No. 14-63

MAR 16 2015

KANSAS DENTAL BOARD

EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Donald Pfuetze, DDS (the “Respondent”) is currently authorized to practice dentistry in the State of Kansas by reason of the Kansas Dental Board (the “Board”) having issued him License No. 4552.

The following facts have come to the attention of the Chairman of the Board’s Investigation Committee:

1. At all time relevant hereto, Respondent lived in a home in Wabaunsee County Kansas with a woman, ME.

2. During May and June of 2014, ME wrote multiple letters to the Wabaunsee County Sheriff’s indicating that Respondent had beat her with his fists and various objects.

3. On June 5, 2014 an officer of the Wabaunsee County Sheriff’s Office contacted ME as part of an investigation of her letters. The Officer’s report indicates that he observed bruises and injuries on various parts of ME’s body. It further indicated that ME confirmed to the Officer the statements she made regarding being repeatedly beaten by Respondent as she had described in the letters sent to the Wabaunsee County Sheriff’s Office.

4. The Officer’s report indicated that ME was taken to a Topeka hospital and examined by an emergency physician with 36 years of experience. It further indicated that the emergency physician expressed the opinion that the bruises, hemorrhaging and swelling the physician observed on ME were consistent with ME’s accounts of being beaten by Respondent.

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5. On December 22, 2014 Respondent plead no contest to and was thereafter convicted of three (3) counts of misdemeanor domestic battery.

6. The details of the report of the Wabaunsee County Sheriff's Office have just become available to the Chairman of the Board's Investigation Committee.

7. Respondent has filed with the Board an application to renew his Kansas license to practice dentistry.

After considering the foregoing, the Board's Investigation Member, in accordance with the authority granted to him by the Board, enters the following emergency agency order, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-536 and K.S.A. 65-1449.

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

For purposes of this order, the Chairman of the Board's Investigation Committee makes the following findings of fact:

1. The Board has previously issued Respondent license number 4552, which entitled him to practice dentistry in the State of Kansas ("Respondent's License").

2. The Respondent repeatedly and on multiple occasions beat ME, a woman with whom he was living, causing her significant bodily injury.

3. As a result of his repeated beatings of ME, the Respondent was convicted of three counts of misdemeanor domestic battery.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND FACT

For purposes of this order, the Board's Investigation Member makes the following conclusions of law and fact:

1. Respondent's continuation in the practice of dentistry would constitute an immediate danger to the public health and safety or welfare. The least restrictive way to prevent

or avoid the immediate danger Respondent poses to the public health, safety and welfare is to suspend Respondent's License.

2. There is cause to believe the acts committed by Respondent could form the basis for discipline of Respondent's License, including revocation or suspension, pursuant to various provisions of the Dental Act, including K.S.A. 65-1436 (a)(3), (9) and (15).

III. EMERGENCY ORDER

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-536 and K.S.A. 65-1449, and based upon the foregoing findings and conclusions, Respondent's License is hereby suspended until further order of the Board, effective immediately.

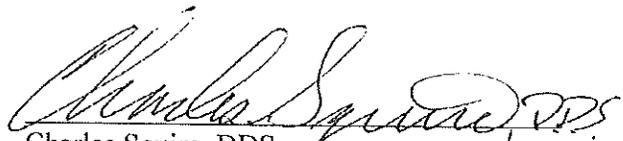
Within fifteen (15) days after service of this Emergency Agency Order, either party may file a petition for reconsideration pursuant to K.S.A. 77-529.

Within the time limits established in K.S.A. 77-613, either party may seek judicial review of this Emergency Agency Order, pursuant to said statute. The agency officer designated to receive service of a petition for judicial review is:

Lane Hemsley
Executive Director
Kansas Dental Board
900 SW Jackson, Room 455-S
Topeka, KS 66612

IT IS SO ORDERED.

March 16, 2015
Date


Charles Squire, DDS
Chairman, Investigation Committee
Kansas Dental Board

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I did, on the 17th day of March, 2015, deposit in the United States mail, postage prepaid, a copy of the foregoing EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION, properly addressed to the following:

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