

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
Douglas E. Watford, M.D.,) CONSENT ORDER
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Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information that Douglas E. Watford, M.D. ("Dr. Watford"), committed unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6). Dr. Watford admits and the Board finds and concludes that:

Whereas the Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto; and

Whereas Dr. Watford is a physician licensed by the Board on or about June 6, 1992, license number 35546; and

Whereas, during the time relevant herein, Dr. Watford practiced family medicine in Kinston, North Carolina; and

Whereas, on or about June 4, 2009, Dr. Watford appeared at the Kinston, North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicle ("NCDMV") for the purpose of obtaining an identification card; and

Whereas, on or about June 4, 2009, Dr. Watford was arrested at the NCDMV in Kinston, North Carolina on felony charges of Obtaining Property by False Pretense and Financial Identity Fraud; and

Whereas, in September 2009, Dr. Watford failed to disclose the arrest on his application for renewal of his North Carolina medical license; and

Whereas, on or about November 2, 2009, Dr. Watford pled no contest to a reduced misdemeanor charges of "low obstruction of justice" and was fined; and

Whereas Dr. Watford acknowledges and admits that his arrest and no contest plea constitutes unprofessional conduct, including, but not limited to, committing of any act contrary to honesty, justice, or good morals, within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and grounds exist for the Board to suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Watford's license or to deny any application he might make in the future; and

Whereas Dr. Watford's failure to disclose his arrest constitutes his making a false statement or representation to the Board, or willfully concealing from the Board material information in connection with an annual registration of a license within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(3) and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General

Statutes for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, or limit Dr. Watford's license to practice or to deny any application he might in the future make for a license to practice medicine; and

Whereas Dr. Watford acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this case; and

Whereas Dr. Watford knowingly waives his right to any hearing and to any judicial review or appeal in this case; and

Whereas Dr. Watford acknowledges that he has read and understands this Consent Order and enters into it voluntarily; and

Whereas the Board has determined it to be in the public interest to resolve this matter as set forth below; and

Whereas Dr. Watford desires to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings;

NOW, THEREFORE, with Dr. Watford's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Watford is hereby REPRIMANDED for the above-described conduct.

2. Dr. Watford hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Consent Order be served on him.

3. Dr. Watford shall maintain a contract with the North Carolina Physician Health Program ("NCPHP") and abide by its

terms and recommendations, including the timely payment of any fees required by NCPHP.

4. This Consent Order shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Watford and the Board and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

5. If Dr. Watford fails to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order, that failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a) (6) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend, or revoke his license, or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

6. Dr. Watford shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules or regulations involving the practice of medicine.

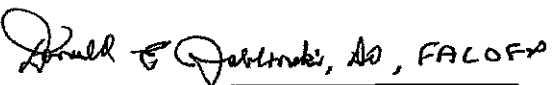
7. Dr. Watford shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence or practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.

8. Upon execution by Dr. Watford and the Board, this Consent Order shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the

provisions thereof. Additionally, it will be reported to persons, entities, agencies, and clearinghouses, as required and permitted by law, including, but not limited to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Healthcare Integrity and Protection Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 25th day of June, 2010.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 

Donald E. Jablonski, D.O.
President

Consented to this the 23 day of JUNE, 2010.

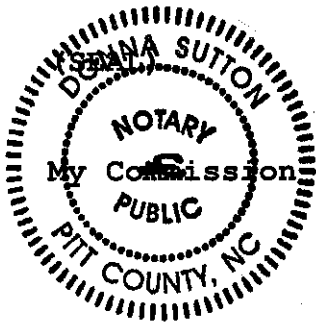
Douglas E. Watford MD
Douglas E. Watford, M.D.

State of NC
Lenoir County

I, Donna Sutton, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Douglas E. Watford, M.D. personally appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the foregoing instrument.

Witness my hand and official seal
this the 23 day of June, 2010.

Donna Sutton
Notary Public
Donna Sutton



My Commission expires: November 28, 2014