

BEFORE THE MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE
IN THE MATTER OF THE PHYSICIAN'S LICENSE
OF
GREGORY PEARCE NORWOOD, D.O.

DETERMINATION OF NEED FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

WHEREAS, the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," has determined that there is clear, competent and unequivocal evidence in its possession that the continued practice of medicine by GREGORY PEARCE NORWOOD, D.O., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," would constitute an imminent danger to the public health and safety. Said facts in support of this Determination are set forth by the Affidavit of Leslie Ross, Director of Investigations for the Board, attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure to protect the public, and to especially do so in cases that demonstrate that immediate harm may be imminent or ongoing;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that temporary disciplinary action should be taken, without a hearing, suspending Licensee from the practice of medicine, provided that proceedings for a hearing before the Board are initiated simultaneously with said temporary action pursuant to authority granted in Miss. Code Ann. §73-25-89 (1972);

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, that a copy of this Determination shall be sent by registered mail or personally served upon Gregory Pearce Norwood, D.O., and should be effective immediately upon receipt thereof.

ORDERED, this the 24th day of September, 2018.

MISSISSIPPI STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL LICENSURE



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WHEREAS, GREGORY PEARCE NORWOOD, D.O., hereinafter referred to as "Licensee," is the current holder of Mississippi Medical License No. 21158, said license number expires on June 30, 2019;

WHEREAS, on July 7, 2016, The Mississippi State Board of Medical Licensure, hereinafter referred to as the "Board," received a complaint from a patient who alleged sexual misconduct against Licensee. Specifically, the patient advised that she was sexually assaulted by her OB/GYN, who she identified as the aforementioned Licensee, during a physical examination. An investigation was conducted and led to an appearance before the Executive Committee of the Board to discuss said investigation.

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2017, Licensee appeared before the Executive Committee of the Board to address said allegations of violating professional boundaries as indicated above. It was the recommendation of the Board that no action be taken at the time, but that the investigation would continue.

WHEREAS, on or about December 20, 2017, the investigation into the matter was terminated due to the fact the allegation could not be substantiated at the time. Licensee was advised of this outcome via letter mailed to his residential address.

WHEREAS, on or about July 10, 2018, a complaint was received from Baptist Memorial Hospital-Desoto, Southaven, Mississippi, on behalf of a patient. The allegations contained in

the complaint described a sexual assault to a patient and were extremely similar to the allegations made by the first patient in the 2016 complaint. Another investigation into Licensee began and it was discovered that there were at least two (2) other patients/ victims, now bringing the total to four (4), and who stated a similar set of circumstances, all of which described a sexual assault by Licensee. These assaults largely occurred during routine wellness examinations.

WHEREAS, one (1) of the four (4) aforementioned patients filed a complaint with the Southaven Police Department on July 12, 2016, wherein she alleged sexual assault against Licensee. Again, the allegations made by this patient and reported to the Southaven Police Department are very similar to the allegations made by the other three (3) patients. Although the police responded to Licensee's practice location at 7601 Southcrest Parkway, Southaven, Mississippi, and spoke with him, Licensee was not charged and/ or arrested.

WHEREAS, a practitioner in the field of obstetrics and gynecology was consulted and reviewed the complaints against Licensee. Based on this review, this practitioner deemed Licensee to be an immediate danger to the public.

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that the evidence in its possession indicates that Licensee's continued practice of medicine would constitute an immediate danger to public health and safety;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to authority granted in Miss. Code Ann. §§ 73-25-89, Mississippi Medical License No. 21158 is hereby **temporarily suspended**, and Licensee shall be prohibited from the practice of medicine pending the outcome of a hearing as scheduled in the matter.

The above action is hereby taken on a temporary basis, without a hearing. Enclosed herewith, and served as part of this Order of Temporary Suspension, is a copy of the Determination of the Board, wherein it was found that the Board has in its possession evidence indicating that Licensee's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute an immediate danger to public health and safety. Pursuant to authority granted by Miss. Code Ann. § 73-25-89, the Board may suspend a license on a temporary basis, without a hearing, which it could otherwise take following a hearing, provided proceedings for a hearing before the Board are initiated simultaneously with such temporary action and, provided that Licensee receive at least fifteen (15) days notice of the time and place for a hearing. Also enclosed is a Summons with supporting Affidavit which designates the time and place for a hearing, as specified within the statute.

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