

BEFORE THE  
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re: )  
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Thomas Carl Goodwin, M.D., ) CONSENT ORDER  
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Respondent. )

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information regarding Thomas Carl Goodwin, M.D. ("Dr. Goodwin"). Dr. Goodwin admits, and the Board finds and concludes, that:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

On May 5, 1984, the Board issued Dr. Goodwin a license to practice medicine, license number 27915. During the times relevant herein, Dr. Goodwin practiced medicine in Hendersonville, North Carolina.

On June 22, 2013, Dr. Goodwin was arrested and charged with Driving While Impaired ("DWI"). At the time of the arrest, Dr.

Goodwin's blood alcohol level was .21. The Board thereafter opened up an investigation related to this arrest.

During the Board's investigation, the Board learned that Dr. Goodwin had also been arrested and charged with a DWI and failure to Reduce Speed on June 6, 2007. At the time of the June 6, 2007 arrest, Dr. Goodwin's blood alcohol level was .15. On March 7, 2008, Dr. Goodwin was convicted of DWI Level 5 Misdemeanor.

Dr. Goodwin failed to timely report this arrest and conviction on his 2007 or 2008 license renewal to the Board as required.

The court date for the June 2013 charges is currently still pending.

On June 26, 2013, while under investigation, Dr. Goodwin placed his North Carolina medical license on inactive status. Therefore, additional action regarding Dr. Goodwin's licensure status is unnecessary at this time.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Goodwin admits that his failure to inform the Board of his 2007 arrests for driving under the influence and 2008 conviction of driving under the influence constitutes making a false statement or representation to the Board, or willfully concealed 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 his license or to deny any application he might make in the future or have pending for a license.

Dr. Goodwin admits that his failure to inform the Board of his 2007 arrests for driving under the influence and 2008 conviction of driving under the influence constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and grounds exist under that section of the North Carolina General Statutes for the Board to suspend, revoke or limit his medical license or to deny any application he might make in the future.

#### PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

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

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

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

Dr. Goodwin would like to resolve this matter without the need for more formal proceedings.

The Board has determined that it is in the public interest to resolve this case as set forth below.

ORDER

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

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

2. The Board will consider Dr. Goodwin's history of substance abuse when considering on any future application he may make for reinstatement of his North Carolina medical license.

3. Dr. Goodwin shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules and regulations involving the practice of medicine.

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

5. Dr. Goodwin shall meet with the Board or members of the Board for an investigative interview at such times as requested by the Board.

6. If Dr. Goodwin 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, revoke, condition or limit Dr. Goodwin's license to practice as a physician or to

deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.

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

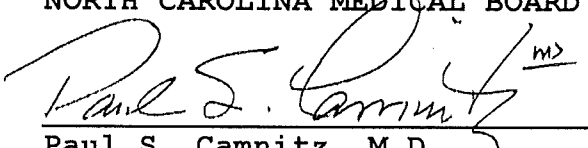
8. Dr. Goodwin hereby waives any requirement under law or rule that this Consent Order be served upon him.

9. Upon execution by Dr. Goodwin 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 by and permitted by law including, but not limited to, the Federation of State Medical Boards and the National Practitioner's Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2013.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:

  
Paul S. Camnitz, M.D.  
President

Consented to this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

  
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Thomas Carl Goodwin, M.D.

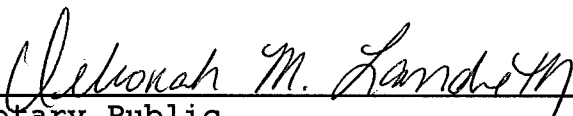
State of North Carolina

County of Transylvania

I, Deborah M. Landreth, a Notary Public for the above named County and State, do hereby certify that Thomas Carl Goodwin, 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2013.

  
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Notary Public

(SEAL)

My Commission expires: 3/30/2015