## BEFORE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	)	
RODNEY DANIEL COLLINS, M.D. Certificate No. G-60783	) ) )	No. 06-91-13353
Respondent.	) ) _)	

#### **DECISION**

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Division of Medical Quality as its Decision in the above-entitled matter.

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By:

IRA LUBELL, M.D.
Chairperson, Panel A

Division of Medical Quality

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12	In the Matter of the Accusation )	No. 06-91-13353			
13	Against: )	OAH No. L-08160			
14	RODNEY DANIEL COLLINS, M.D. ) 3831 Sixth Avenue ) Los Angeles, California 90008 )	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER			
15 16	Physician's and Surgeon's ) Certificate No. G-60783 )				
17	Respondent. )				
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19	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND A	AGREED by and between			
2.0	Complainant Ron Joseph, Executive Direct	ctor of the Medical Board			
21	of California, by and through Daniel E.	. Lungren, Attorney General			
22	of the State of California, by Diane M.	. L. Tan, Deputy Attorney			
23	General, attorneys for Complainant, Respondent Rodney Daniel				
24	Collins, M.D., and David A. Ogden and T	Theodore A. Cohen,			
25	attorneys for Respondent, that the foll	lowing matters are true:			
26	<u>PARTIES</u>				

1. Complainant Ron Joseph, Executive Director of

the Medical Board of California (hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), is represented in this matter by and through Daniel E. Lungren, Attorney General of the State of California, by Diane M. L. Tan, Deputy Attorney General.

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- 2. Respondent Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D. (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent"), is represented in this matter by David A. Ogden, Attorney at Law, 1670 Corinth Avenue, Los Angeles, California 90025-3153, and Theodore A. Cohen, Attorney at Law, 12100 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1600, Los Angeles, California 90025.
- On May 10, 1994, Complainant, who was Dixon Arnett 3. at that time, in his official capacity as Executive Director of the Board, filed an Accusation against Respondent in Case No. 06-91-13353, charging Respondent with having criminal convictions for driving a vehicle with 0.08 percent or more of alcohol in his blood, reckless driving involving alcohol or a drug or both, and driving a motor vehicle while such privilege was suspended; engaging in the unlawful use of alcoholic beverages, dangerous drugs and controlled substances; having more than one misdemeanor conviction involving the use, consumption or self-administration of alcoholic beverages, dangerous drugs or controlled substances; and violating state drug statutes in violation of the Medical Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 2000 et seq.) and other applicable laws and regulations relating to the practice of medicine. A copy of the Accusation is attached hereto as "Exhibit 1" and hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

4. The Accusation, Statement to Respondent, Request for Discovery, Notice of Defense Form, and a copy of Government Code sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7 were served on Respondent by certified mail on May 10, 1994. A Notice of Defense was filed by Respondent's counsel on or about May 26, 1994.

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5. On November 14, 1994, a First Supplemental and Amended Accusation was filed against Respondent in Case No. 06-91-13353, OAH No. L-08160, charging Respondent with having additional convictions of crimes which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a physician and surgeon and having committed other violations of the laws relating to the practice of medicine.

Respondent was charged with having a conviction for possession of a controlled substance, Cocaine, a conviction for disturbing the peace, and a conviction for use or being under the influence of a controlled substance; having convictions for violations of state drug statutes; having engaged in the unlawful use of controlled substances; and having committed violations of state drug statutes by unlawfully possessing and using Cocaine and Marijuana, which are controlled substances and dangerous drugs. A copy of the First Supplemental and Amended Accusation is attached hereto as "Exhibit 2" and hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

6. The First Supplemental and Amended Accusation was served by mail on Respondent's counsel on November 14, 1994.

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7. On July 27, 1987, Respondent was issued Physician's

and Surgeon's Certificate No. G-60783 by the Board. At all times relevant herein, said certificate (license) has been valid.

8. Complainant and Respondent want to resolve this matter without a hearing or further administrative proceedings.

#### **ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS**

- 9. Respondent has fully read and reviewed and consulted with his counsel the charges and allegations contained in the Accusation and First Supplemental and Amended Accusation (hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Accusations") in Case No. 06-91-13353, OAH No. L-08160. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights and the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- alleged in the Accusations, if proven at a hearing, constitute sufficient causes for taking disciplinary action against his license as a physician and surgeon. Respondent is fully aware of his right to consult with and be represented by counsel at his own expense; his right to a hearing on the charges contained in the Accusations; his right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of books, documents, or other things in his defense and as proof of mitigation; his right to testify and present relevant evidence; his right to confront and cross-examine witnesses testifying against him; his right to reconsideration and appeal; and any and all other rights which may be accorded him under the California Administrative Procedure Act (Gov. Code, § 11500 et seq.) and other applicable laws.

Respondent hereby freely, voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently waives each and every one of these rights and agrees that the Accusations in this matter may be resolved pursuant to this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

#### SUFFICIENT CAUSES EXIST FOR TAKING DISCIPLINARY ACTION

- 11. For purposes of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and any future proceedings involving the Board, Respondent admits that the convictions and other charges alleged in the Accusations in Case No. 06-91-13353, OAH No. L-08160, are true and correct and constitute sufficient causes for the Board to subject him to disciplinary action regarding his license as a physician and surgeon and to order that his physician's and surgeon's license be revoked. Respondent agrees to be bound by the Board's Order as set forth below.
- 12. Respondent has not been forced, coerced, threatened, or induced in any way into entering into this stipulation.

#### **DISCIPLINARY ORDER**

13. Based upon the foregoing admissions and other stipulated matters, the parties stipulate and agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceedings, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate Number G-60783 issued to Respondent Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D., is revoked. However, said revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for five (5) years on the following terms and conditions:

- B. <u>DIVERSION PROGRAM</u>. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Board's Decision or prior thereto,
  Respondent shall enroll and participate in the Division's
  Diversion Program until the Division or its designee determines that further treatment or rehabilitation is no longer necessary.

  Quitting the program without permission or being expelled for cause shall constitute a violation of probation by
  Respondent.
- C. <u>SUSPENSION</u>. As part of probation, Respondent is suspended from the practice of medicine for one hundred eighty (180) days commencing on July 22, 1997.
- D. <u>PSYCHIATRIC EVALUATION</u>. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Board's Decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Division or its designee, Respondent shall undergo at his own expense a

psychiatric evaluation and psychological testing, if deemed necessary, by a Division-appointed psychiatrist who shall furnish a written report of the psychiatric evaluation directly to the Division or its designee which indicates whether Respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.

Respondent shall execute a written release authorizing the evaluator to release all information to the Division or its designee. The completed evaluation is the sole property of the Division.

Beginning on the effective date of the Board's Decision, Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine until notified in writing by the Division or its designee of its determination that Respondent is fit to practice medicine safely.

If the Division or its designee concludes from the results of the evaluation that Respondent would benefit from ongoing psychotherapy, Respondent shall comply with the Division's directives in that regard.

Respondent shall pay for all evaluation, testing and treatment costs. Failure to pay such costs will be considered a violation of probation.

If at any time during probation, Respondent is notified by the Division or its designee that the Division-appointed psychiatrist has determined that he is not capable of practicing medicine safely, Respondent immediately shall cease practicing medicine. Respondent shall not resume practicing medicine until notified in writing by the Division or its designee of its determination that Respondent is capable of practicing medicine

safely.

E. <u>PSYCHOTHERAPY</u>. If Respondent is required by the Division or its designee to undergo psychological counseling or psychotherapy, Respondent shall within thirty (30) days of the requirement notice submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval the name and qualifications of a psychotherapist of Respondent's choice. Upon approval of the psychotherapist by the Division or its designee, Respondent shall undergo and continue treatment until he is notified in writing by the Division or its designee that no further psychological counseling or psychotherapy is necessary.

Respondent shall have the treating psychotherapist submit written quarterly status reports to the Division or its designee indicating whether Respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.

Respondent shall pay for all counseling and treatment costs. Failure to pay such costs will be considered a violation of probation.

F. MEDICAL EVALUATION. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Board's Decision, and on a periodic basis thereafter as may be required by the Division or its designee, Respondent shall undergo at his own expense a medical evaluation by a Division-appointed physician who shall furnish a written report regarding the medical evaluation directly to the Division or its designee which indicates whether Respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.

Respondent shall execute a written release authorizing

the physician to release all information to the Division or its designee. The completed evaluation is the sole property of the Division.

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Respondent shall pay for all evaluation costs. Failure to pay such costs will be considered a violation of probation.

Beginning on the effective date of the Board's Decision, Respondent shall not engage in the practice of medicine until notified in writing by the Division or its designee of its determination that Respondent is medically fit to practice medicine safely.

If at any time during probation, Respondent is notified by the Division or its designee that the Division-approved physician has determined that he is not capable of practicing medicine safely, Respondent immediately shall cease practicing medicine. Respondent shall not resume practicing medicine until notified in writing by the Division or its designee of its determination that Respondent is medically fit to practice medicine safely.

G. MEDICAL TREATMENT. If Respondent is required by the Division or its designee to undergo medical treatment, Respondent shall within thirty (30) days of the requirement notice submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval the name and qualifications of a physician of Respondent's choice. Upon approval of the treating physician, Respondent shall undergo and continue medical treatment until he is notified in writing by the Division or its designee that no further medical treatment is necessary.

Respondent shall have the treating physician submit written quarterly status reports to the Division or its designee which indicates whether Respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.

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Respondent shall pay for all treatment costs. Failure to pay such costs will be considered a violation of probation.

- H. <u>CONTROLLED DRUGS--TOTAL RESTRICTION</u>. Respondent shall not prescribe, administer, dispense, order, or possess any controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substance Act, except as provided under Paragraph 13(I) of this Order.
- abstain completely from the personal use or possession of controlled substances as defined in the California Uniform Controlled Substances Act, dangerous drugs as defined by section 4211 of the Business and Professions Code, or any drugs requiring a prescription.

This prohibition does not apply to medications lawfully prescribed to Respondent for a bona fide illness or condition by another practitioner.

J. MAINTAIN RECORD OF CONTROLLED DRUGS. Respondent shall maintain a record of all controlled substances or dangerous drugs prescribed, dispensed or administered to him by his physicians during probation, showing all of the following: 1) the name and address of the physician, 2) the date of the prescription, 3) the character and quantity of controlled substances or dangerous drugs involved, and 4) the indications

and diagnosis for which the controlled substance or dangerous drug was furnished.

Respondent shall keep these records in a separate file or ledger, in chronological order, and shall make them available for inspection and copying by the Division or its designee, upon request.

#### K. ABSTAIN FROM USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Respondent shall abstain completely from the use of alcoholic beverages.

- L. <u>BIOLOGICAL FLUID TESTING</u>. Respondent shall immediately submit to biological fluid testing, at Respondent's cost, upon the request of the Division or its designee. Any test result that is positive with regard to any controlled substance or dangerous drug shall constitute a violation of probation.
- M. MONITORING BY PHYSICIAN. Within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the Board's Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval a plan of practice in which Respondent's practice shall be monitored by another physician in Respondent's field of practice, who shall provide periodic written reports to the Division or its designee which indicates whether Respondent is capable of practicing medicine safely.

If the monitor resigns or is no longer available, Respondent shall within fifteen (15) days of such resignation or unavailability, submit a request to the Division or its designee to have a new monitor appointed through nomination by Respondent and approval by the Division or its designee.

Respondent shall pay for all monitoring costs.

N. <u>RESTRICTION OF PRACTICE</u>. Respondent shall be prohibited from making house calls unless it is made under personal observation of a third party from his medical office staff.

- O. <u>ETHICS COURSE</u>. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the Board's Decision, Respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval a course in Ethics, which Respondent shall successfully complete during the first year of probation.
- P. <u>EDUCATION COURSES</u>. Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of the Board's Decision, and during each year thereafter, Respondent shall submit to the Division or its designee for its prior approval an educational program or courses related to prevention of alcohol and substance abuse which shall not be less than 40 hours each year during the entire period of probation. This program shall be in addition to the continuing medical education requirements for re-licensure.

Following the completion of each course, the Division or its designee may administer an examination to test

Respondent's knowledge of the course. Respondent shall provide to the Division or its designee written proof of attendance and successful completion of each course within thirty (30) days of his completion of each course.

Q. <u>COST RECOVERY</u>. Respondent shall pay to the Division the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) for the costs of the investigation and prosecution of the above-

entitled matter. Such amount shall be paid in quarterly payments as follows:

Within ninety (90) days after the effective date of the Board's Decision in this matter, Respondent shall pay his first quarterly payment of \$400.00 to the Division. Thereafter, Respondent shall pay to the Division the amount of \$300.00 each and every three months on the due date of each quarterly report as required under Probation Condition 13(S) of this Order until the total amount of \$2,500.00 is paid in full.

The payment of these costs by Respondent is not tolled by his practice or residency outside of California.

In the event Respondent fails to pay the total amount of the investigation and prosecution costs as required under this probation condition, such failure shall constitute a violation of probation.

- R. OBEY ALL LAWS. Respondent shall obey all federal, state, and local laws, and all rules and regulations governing the practice of medicine in California.
- S. <u>QUARTERLY REPORTS</u>. Respondent shall submit quarterly declarations under penalty of perjury on forms provided by the Division or its designee, stating whether there has been compliance with all the conditions of probation.
- T. SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM. Respondent shall comply with the Division's probation surveillance program. Respondent shall notify in writing the Division and his probation surveillance monitor within fifteen (15) days of any changes in his address of business and/or residence. A post office box will not be

considered as an acceptable address of record for Respondent.

PHYSICIAN OR DESIGNEE. Respondent shall appear in person for interviews with the Division or its designated physician or designee upon request at various intervals and with reasonable notice.

# V. TOLLING FOR OUT-OF-STATE PRACTICE OR RESIDENCE. The period of probation shall not run during the time Respondent is residing or practicing outside the jurisdiction of California or not practicing medicine in California.

If at any time during probation Respondent moves out of the jurisdiction of California to reside or practice elsewhere for more than thirty (30) days, Respondent is required to notify the Division in writing the date of his departure from this state within ten (10) days of such departure from this state and the date of return, if any, within ten (10) days of his return to this state.

Practicing medicine in a Division-approved training program may be considered as time spent in practice.

W. <u>VIOLATION OF PROBATION</u>. If Respondent violates probation in any respect, the Division, after giving Respondent notice and the opportunity to be heard, may revoke probation and carry out the disciplinary order that was stayed.

If an accusation or petition to revoke probation is filed against Respondent during probation, the Division shall have continuing jurisdiction until the matter is final, and the period of probation shall be extended until the matter is final.

No petition for modification or termination of probation shall be considered while there is an accusation or petition to revoke probation pending against Respondent.

- X. LICENSE SURRENDER. Following the effective date of the Board's Decision, if Respondent ceases practicing medicine due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the terms and conditions of probation, Respondent may voluntarily tender his certificate to the Board. The Division reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances. Upon formal acceptance of the surrendered license, Respondent will no longer be subject to the terms and conditions of probation.
- Y. <u>COMPLETION OF PROBATION</u>. Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's physician's and surgeon's certificate will be fully restored.

#### **CONTINGENCY PROVISION**

14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be subject to the approval of the Board. If the Board fails to adopt this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order as its Decision, this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall become null and void, have no force or effect on any of the parties, and be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties.

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#### ACCEPTANCE OF STIPULATED SETTLEMENT

#### AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER

I, Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D., have carefully read and reviewed the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I fully understand the terms and conditions of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and acknowledge that I have the right to consult with my attorney at my own expense about this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and the above-entitled matter and have consulted with my counsel prior to signing this Acceptance.

I hereby freely, voluntarily, intelligently and knowingly enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and agree to be bound thereby with the understanding that in the event I fail to comply with any of the terms and conditions of this stipulation and order, my physician's and surgeon's certificate will be subject to disciplinary action, including revocation of such license.

DATED: 10/4/94.

ODNEY DANCEL COLLINS, M.D.

Respondent

#### CONCURRENCE

I have read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and approve the stipulation and order as to form and content. I have fully discussed the terms and

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2	conditions contained therein and this matter with Respondent Rodney
3	Daniel Collins, M.D.
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5	DAVID A. OGDEN,
6	Attorney for Respondent, RODNEY D. COLLINS.
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10	<u>ENDORSEMENT</u>
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12	The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is
13	hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Medical
14	Board Of California, Division of Medical Quality.  DATE: ()Cholu 16, 1976
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13	Against:				
14	RODNEY DANIEL COLLINS, M.D. ) A C C U S A T I O N 3831 Sixth Avenue				
15	Los Angeles, California 90008				
16	Physician's and Surgeon's ) Certificate No. G 60783 )				
17	Respondent.				
18	Complainant Dixon Arnett, in his official capacity as				
19	Executive Director of the Medical Board of California				
20	(hereinafter referred to as "the Board"), alleges as follows:				
21	PRELIMINARY STATEMENT				
22	1. By this Accusation, Complainant charges Rodney				
23	Daniel Collins, M.D. (hereinafter referred to as "Respondent")				
24	with having criminal convictions for driving a vehicle with 0.08				
25	percent or more of alcohol in his blood, reckless driving				
26	involving alcohol or a drug or both, and driving a motor vehicle				
27	while such privilege was suspended; engaging in the unlawful use				

of alcoholic beverages, dangerous drugs and controlled substances; having more than one misdemeanor involving the use, consumption or self-administration of alcoholic beverages, dangerous drugs or controlled substances; and violating state drug statutes in violation of the Medical Practice Act and other applicable laws and regulations relating to the practice of medicine.

2. Respondent was convicted of driving while under the influence of 0.08 percent or more of alcohol in his blood, reckless driving involving alcohol or a drug or both, and driving a motor vehicle while his driving privilege was suspended.

In addition, Respondent has been arrested for use and possession of Cocaine, has admitted that he has a problem with Cocaine and has been smoking it for about a year.

3. Respondent's criminal convictions and commission of other acts which constitute unprofessional conduct warrant the issuance of an order by the Division of Medical Quality that Respondent be subjected to disciplinary action, including an order that his physician's and surgeon's certificate be suspended or revoked.

#### PARTIES

- 4. Complainant, Dixon Arnett, is the Executive Director of the Medical Board of California. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in his official capacity.
- 5. On or about July 27, 1987, the Board issued Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 60783 to Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D. At all times relevant herein, said

certificate has been valid and has an expiration date of March 31, 1995.

JURISDICTION

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- 6. Pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 2004, 2220, 2227 and 2234, 1/2 the Division of Medical Quality (hereinafter referred to as "the Division"), a division of the Medical Board of California, is authorized to take disciplinary action against any licensed physician and surgeon who is found guilty of violating any of the provisions of the Medical Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 2000 et seq.), the regulations relating to the practice of medicine (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 16, § 1300), or other applicable laws or regulations.
- 7. Section 2227 of the Code provides that when a licensee is found guilty of violating any of the provisions of the Medical Practice Act or applicable laws or regulations, the Division may revoke his or her license, suspend the licensee's right to practice for a period not to exceed one year, place the licensee on probation pursuant to section 2228 of the Code, order that the licensee be publicly reprimanded, or take any other appropriate disciplinary action.
- 8. Section 2234 of the Code provides that the Division "shall take action against any licensee who is charged with unprofessional conduct. In addition to other provisions of this article, unprofessional conduct includes, but is not limited to, the following:

<sup>1.</sup> Except as otherwise indicated, all statutory references are to the Business and Professions Code.

- (a) Violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter.
  - (b) Gross negligence.
  - (c) Repeated negligent acts.
  - (d) Incompetence.
- (e) The commission of any act involving dishonesty or corruption which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon.
- (f) Any action or conduct which would have warranted the denial of a certificate."
  - 9. Section 2236 of the Code provides as follows:
- "(a) The conviction of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon constitutes unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter. The record of conviction shall be conclusive evidence only of the fact that the conviction occurred.
- (b) The division may inquire into the circumstances surrounding the commission of the crime in order to fix the degree of discipline or to determine if such conviction is of an offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a physician and surgeon. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or

duties of a physician and surgeon is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section.

- (c) Discipline may be ordered in accordance with Section 2227, or the Division of Licensing may order the denial of the license when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, complaint, information, or indictment."
- 10. Section 490 of the Code provides that the Board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- 11. Section 2238 of the Code provides that "[a] violation of any federal statute or federal regulation or any of the statutes or regulations of this state regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances constitutes unprofessional conduct."
- 12. Section 2239, subdivision (a) of the Code provides as follows:
  - "(a) The use or prescribing for or administering to himself or herself, of any controlled

substance; or the use of any of the dangerous drugs specified in Section 4211, or of alcoholic beverages, to the extent, or in such a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to the licensee, or to any other person or to the public, or to the extent that such use impairs the ability of the licensee to practice medicine safely or more than one misdemeanor or any felony involving the use, consumption, or self-administration of any of the substances referred to in this section, or any combination thereof, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct."

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- 13. Under section 4211 of the Code, "dangerous drug" means "any drug unsafe for self-medication, except veterinary drugs which $^{2}$  are labeled as such, and includes the following:
- (a) Any drug which bears the legend: `Caution: federal law prohibits dispensing without prescription' or words of similar import.
- (b) Any device which bears the statement: `Caution: federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a \_\_\_\_\_\_,' or words of similar import, the blank to be filled in with the designation of the practitioner licensed to use or order use of the device.
  - (c) Any other drug or device which by federal or state

<sup>2.</sup> In 1992, the introductory sentence and subdivisions. (a), (b) and (c) of section 4211 of the Code were amended to substitute "that" for "which". (Stats. 1992, c. 1104, § 3, effective Sept. 29, 1992.)

14. Section 118 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, as follows:

forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the license or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground.

(c) As used in this section, 'board' includes an individual who is authorized by any provision of this code to issue, suspend, or revoke a license, and 'license' includes 'certificate,' 'registration,' and 'permit.'"

#### CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

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#### Convictions of Crimes

15. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for having been convicted of crimes which are substantially related

to the qualifications, functions or duties of a physician and surgeon. Such convictions constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of sections 490, 2234, subdivision (a) and 2236, subdivision (a) of the Code. The facts and circumstances regarding the convictions are as follows:

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## A. Conviction for Driving with Blood-Alcohol Level of .08% or Higher - March 15, 1991

- a. On or about February 8, 1991, Respondent was arrested for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.
- b. On or about February 22, 1991, a Complaint was filed in the matter of People v. Rodney Daniel Collins, Case No. 91M0252, in the Municipal Court of Malibu Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, charging Respondent with committing a violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a), driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage; Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), driving a vehicle with 0.08 percent or more of alcohol in his blood; Vehicle Code section 12500, subdivision (a), driving a motor vehicle without a valid license; and Vehicle Code section 27315, subdivision (d), operating a motor vehicle without being properly restrained by a safety belt.
- c. On or about March 15, 1991, Respondent was convicted by a plea of nolo contendere of violating Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b), driving with 0.08 percent or more of alcohol in his blood. He was placed on

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probation for three years and ordered to pay a fine and assessments and to attend an accredited Alcohol Treatment Program. His driving privilege was restricted for 90 days.

## B. Conviction for Reckless Driving Involving Alcohol or Drugs - April 11, 1991

- a. On or about February 16, 1991, police officers observed Respondent driving a motor vehicle erratically and straddling between lanes. After stopping Respondent to conduct an investigation regarding driving under the influence, the officers observed Respondent walking in an unsteady manner, his eyes were bloodshot and an odor of alcohol emitted from his breath. Respondent was arrested for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage. A breath test was administered to Respondent and he tested at .10% and .11%.
- b. On or about March 1, 1991, a Misdemeanor

  Complaint was filed in the matter of People v. Rodney Daniel

  Collins, Case No. 91V03784, in the Municipal Court of Los

  Angeles Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of

  California, charging Respondent with committing a violation

  of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a), driving a

  vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage

  and a drug or a combination of both; Vehicle Code section

  23152, subdivision (b), driving a vehicle with 0.08 percent

  or more of alcohol in his blood; and Vehicle Code section

  12500, subdivision (a), driving a motor vehicle without a

  valid license.

On or about April 11, 1991, pursuant to a motion of the prosecution, the complaint was amended to add Count IV, charging Respondent with committing a violation of Vehicle Code section 23103, reckless driving involving alcohol or a drug.

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- c. On or about April 11, 1991, Respondent was convicted based upon a plea of nolo contendere of violating Vehicle Code section 23103/23103.5 for reckless driving involving alcohol or a drug in Case No. 91V03784.
- d. Respondent was placed on probation for three years, ordered to pay a fine of \$240, plus penalty assessments or serve 8 days in County Jail, and notified that his privilege to drive has been suspended.
  - C. Conviction for Reckless Driving Involving

    Alcohol or Drugs and Driving a Vehicle with

    Suspended License
- a. On or about April 15, 1991, police officers responded to a radio call regarding a traffic accident in which Respondent had collided into some parked vehicles. The officers observed Respondent weaving and swaying wildly, falling against his car, talking with a slurred speech. He appeared to be intoxicated and emitted no odor of an alcoholic beverage. Respondent was arrested for driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or a drug with one prior conviction.
  - b. On or about April 16, 1991, a Misdemeanor

Complaint was filed in the matter of People v. Rodney
Collins, Case No. 91V06719, in the Municipal Court of Los
Angeles Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of
California, charging Respondent with committing a violation
of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a), driving a
motor vehicle while under the influence of an alcoholic
beverage and a drug or combination of both; Health and
Safety Code section 11550, use and being under the influence
of a controlled substance, Cocaine; Vehicle Code section
14601.1, subdivision (a), driving a motor vehicle with a
suspended or revoked driving privilege; Vehicle Code section
12500, subdivision (a), driving a motor vehicle without a
valid license; and Vehicle Code section 14601.2, subdivision
(b), driving a motor vehicle while having driving privilege
restriction.

- c. The Complaint also alleged four prior convictions for violations of Vehicle Code sections 14601, subdivision (a) (12/18-87), 14601.1 (8/18/88), 14601.1 (8/19/88), and 23152, subdivision (b) (3/15/91).
- d. On or about July 8, 1991, the Complaint was amended to allege five prior convictions for violations of Vehicle Code sections 14601.1, subdivision (a) (12/18/87), 14591.1 (8/18/88), 14601.1 (8/19/88), 23152, subdivision (b) (3/15/91), and 23103 (4/11/91).
  - e. On or about September 23, 1991, pursuant

to a motion of the prosecution, Count VI was added to the Complaint, charging Respondent with violation of Vehicle Code section 23103/23103.5, reckless driving involving alcohol or drugs or both.

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- f. On or about September 23, 1991, Respondent was convicted by a plea of nolo contendere of violating Vehicle Code section 23103, reckless driving involving alcohol or drugs or both, and Vehicle Code section 14601.1, subdivision (a), driving a motor vehicle with privilege suspended. He was sentenced to 10 days in County Jail on Count III (Veh. Code, § 14601.1, subd. (a)), ordered to pay a fine of \$500 plus penalty assessments or serve 17 days in County Jail, 30 days Cal Trans and placed on probation for three years. On Count VI (Veh. Code, § 23103/23103.5), he was ordered to pay a fine of \$240 plus penalty assessments or serve 8 days in County Jail, 30 days Cal Trans, attend four AA meetings per week for one year—suspended while on work furlough, and placed on probation for three years.
- g. On or about November 15, 1991,
  Respondent's 30 days of Cal Trans on each count was
  converted to 60 days in County Jail, making his
  sentence to a total of 70 days in County Jail, and such
  term was to run consecutively to the term in Case No.
  91V03784.
  - D. <u>Violation of Probation September 23, 1991</u>
- a. On or about July 8, 1991, Respondent's probation in Case No. 91V03784 was revoked pending a

hearing after his arrest on April 15, 1991, and the filing of the Misdemeanor Complaint against him in Case No. 91V06719.

b. On or about September 23, 1991, Respondent stipulated to a violation of probation in Case No. 91v03784. His probation was revoked and reinstated with a modification that he serve 65 days--35 days in the County Jail and 30 days Cal Trans, and such term was to run consecutively to the term of imprisonment in Case No. 91v06719.

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## Unlawful Use of Alcoholic Beverages and More Than One Misdemeanor Involving Use or Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages

engaging in unprofessional conduct in violation of sections 2234, subdivision (a) and 2239 of the Code for using alcoholic beverages to the extent or in a manner as to be dangerous or injurious to himself, any other person or the public and has more than one misdemeanor involving the use or consumption of alcoholic beverages based on the facts and circumstances as alleged in Paragraph 15 of this Accusation, which is incorporated herein by reference.

III

#### Unlawful Use of Controlled Substances

17. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unlawfully using or administering to himself controlled substances in violation of sections 2234, subdivision (a) and

2239 of the Code. The facts and circumstances are as follows:

#### A. September 27, 1991 Incident

a. On or about September 27, 1991, police officers responded to a radio call regarding a screaming man at a hotel. At the hotel, the officers heard Respondent singing, talking to himself and screaming. The officers observed Respondent to be incoherent and behaving irrationally, and he would not comply with the officers' demands. He was observed by the officers to be perspiring heavily, taking deep breaths, and talking loud and rapidly. His eyes were bulging.

Inside of Respondent's hotel room, the officers observed a white substance resembling rock cocaine and 4 tablets of Prinivil on the night stand. Respondent was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, Cocaine.

b. Cocaine is a Schedule II controlled substance under section 11055, subdivision (b)(4) of the Health and Safety Code and a dangerous drug under section 4211 of the Code.

#### B. January 24, 1993 Incident

a. On or about January 24, 1993, during a police search of Respondent's residence pursuant to a domestic disturbance call, officers found Marijuana, rock Cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Respondent admitted to the officers that he had a problem with Cocaine and he had been smoking it for about one year.

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He also admitted to the officers that he has "cooked" Cocaine in his residence and that he and another person intended to smoke cocaine and "primos" and had been smoking cocaine before the officers arrived.

Respondent was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Marijuana is a Schedule I controlled substance 18. under section 11054, subdivision (d)(13) of the Health and Safety Code and a dangerous drug under section 4211 of the Code.

IV

#### Violation of State Drug Statutes

Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for violating or attempting to violate a state statute or regulation regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances by unlawfully possessing Cocaine and Marijuana, which are controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Section 11350, subdivision (a) of the Health and Safety Code prohibits the possession of the controlled substance of Section 11357 of the Health and Safety Code prohibits Cocaine. the possession of the controlled substance of Marijuana.

Such violations of state drug statutes constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of sections 2234, subdivision (a) and 2238 of the Code. The facts and circumstances regarding such violation are alleged in Paragraph 17 of this Accusation, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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#### RECOVERY OF INVESTIGATION

#### AND ENFORCEMENT COSTS

20. Section 125.3, subdivision (a) of the Code provides that the Division may request the administrative law judge to direct a licensee found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

Section 125.3, subdivision (c) of the Code defines "reasonable costs of investigation and enforcement" as follows:

"A certified copy of the actual costs, or a good faith estimate of costs where actual costs are not available, signed by the entity bringing the proceeding or its designated representative shall be prima facie evidence of reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case. The costs shall include the amount of investigative and enforcement costs up to the date of the hearing, including, but not limited to, charges imposed by the Attorney General."

#### PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held in this matter and that following such hearing, the Division issue a decision:

- 1. Suspending or revoking Physician's and Surgeon's Certificate No. G 60783 issued to Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D.;
- 2. Ordering Respondent to pay to the Division reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of this

case; and Taking such other action as the Division deems proper. May 10, 1994 DATED: Executive Director Medical Board of California Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant 

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9	DIVISION OF MEDICAL QUALITY MEDICAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA				
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12	In the Matter of the Accusation ) Against:	No. 06-91-13353			
13	RODNEY DANIEL COLLINS, M.D.	OAH No. L-08160			
14	3831 Sixth Avenue	 			
15	Los Angeles, California 90008	FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL AND AMENDED ACCUSATION			
16	Physician's and Surgeon's ) Certificate No. G 60783				
17	Respondent.				
18	Complainant Dixon Arnett,	Evegutive Director of the			
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20	Medical Board of California (hereina				
21	Board"), further alleges as follows:				
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23	21. Complainant, Dixon Arnett, is the Executive				
24	Director of the Medical Board of Cal				
25	this First Supplemental and Amended	Accusation solely in his			
26	official capacity.	en e			
27	22. On May 10, 1994, an Accusation was filed in Case				
	No. 06-91-13353 against Respondent R	Rodney Daniel Collins			

(Respondent). A copy of the Accusation is attached hereto as "Appendix 1" and incorporated herein by reference.

#### ADDENDUM TO JURISDICTION

- 23. This First Supplemental and Amended Accusation is brought pursuant to Business and Professions Code sections 2004, 2220, 2227 and 2234½. Such sections of the Code provide that the Division of Medical Quality (hereinafter referred to as "the Division"), a division of the Medical Board of California, is authorized to take disciplinary action against any licensed physician and surgeon who is found guilty of violating any of the provisions of the Medical Practice Act (Bus. & Prof. Code, § 2000 et seq.), the regulations relating to the practice of medicine (Cal. Code of Regs., tit. 16, § 1300 et seq.), or other applicable laws or regulations.
- 24. Section 2237 of the Code provides that "[t]he conviction of a charge of violating any federal statutes or regulations or any statute or regulation of this state, regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances, constitutes unprofessional conduct. The record of the conviction is conclusive evidence of such unprofessional conduct. A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this section."

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<sup>1.</sup> Except as otherwise indicated, all statutory references are to the Business and Professions Code.

#### FURTHER CAUSES FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION

#### Convictions of Crimes

25. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for having additional convictions of crimes which are substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a physician and surgeon. Such convictions constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of sections 490, 2234, subdivision (a), and 2236, subdivision (a) of the Code. The facts and circumstances regarding the convictions are as follows:

## A. Conviction for Possession of a Controlled Substance - June 2, 1993

- a. On or about January 24, 1993, during a police search of Respondent's residence pursuant to a domestic disturbance call, officers found Marijuana, Rock Cocaine and drug paraphernalia. Respondent admitted to the officers that he had a problem with Cocaine and that he had been smoking it for about one year. He also admitted to the officers that he has "cooked" Cocaine in his residence and that he and another person intended to smoke cocaine and "primos" and had been smoking cocaine before the officers arrived. Respondent was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.
- b. On or about January 25, 1993, a Felony
  Complaint was filed in the matter of People v. Rodney Daniel
  Collins, Case No. SA012740, in the Municipal Court of Culver
  City Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of

California, charging Respondent with having committed a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11350, subdivision (a), for possession of a controlled substance, Cocaine.

- c. On or about March 24, 1993, after a preliminary hearing in the Municipal Court, Respondent was held to answer for violating Health and Safety Code section 11350, subdivision (a), and was bound over for arraignment in the Superior Court.
- d. On or about June 2, 1993, Respondent was convicted in the Superior Court of Los Angeles Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, pursuant to a plea of nolo contendere of having violated Health and Safety Code section 11350, subdivision (a), possession of a controlled substance, Cocaine. He was placed on probation for three years.
- e. Cocaine is a Schedule II controlled substance under Section 11055, subdivision (b)(4) of the Health and Safety Code and a dangerous drug under Section 4211 of the Code.

### B. Conviction for Disturbing the Peace February 4, 1994

- a. On or about June 21, 1993, Respondent was arrested for disturbing the peace and battery.
- b. On or about September 14, 1993, a Misdemeanor Complaint was filed in the matter of People v. Rodney Daniel Collins, Case No. 93M01564, in the Municipal Court of Culver

City Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, charging Respondent with having committed violations of Penal Code section 415, subdivision (2), disturbing the peace (Counts I, II and III), and Penal Code section 242, battery (Count IV).

c. On or about February 4, 1994, Respondent was convicted pursuant to a plea of nolo contendere of having violated Penal Code section 415, subdivision (2), disturbing the peace (Counts I and II). On or about February 28, 1994, Respondent was placed on summary probation for one year and ordered to pay a fine of \$100.00 plus penalty assessments or serve 3 days in County Jail. Imposition of sentence was suspended on Count I regarding a violation of Penal Code section 415, subdivision 2.

#### C. <u>Violation of Probation - October 12, 1994</u>

- a. On or about June 3, 1994, Respondent's probation in Case No. 93M01564 was revoked pending a hearing after his arrest on March 19, 1994, for being under the influence of a controlled substance, Cocaine, and the filing of the Misdemeanor Complaint against him in Case No. 94M00616.
- b. On or about October 12, 1994, Respondent admitted to violating probation in Case No. 93M01564 and having a conviction in Case No. 94M00616. Respondent was ordered to return to Court for sentencing on November 15, 1994.

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## D. Conviction for Use or Being Under the Influence of A Controlled Substance - October 12, 1994

- a. On or about March 19, 1994, Respondent was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance, Cocaine.
- b. On or about April 6, 1994, a Misdemeanor Complaint was filed in the matter of People v. Rodney Daniel Collins, Case No. 94M00616, in the Municipal Court of Culver City Judicial District, County of Los Angeles, State of California, charging Respondent with having committed violations of Health and Safety Code section 11550, subdivision (a), use or being under the influence of a controlled substance, and Health and Safety Code section 11364, unlawful possession of a device for unlawfully injecting or smoking a controlled substance.
- c. On or about October 12, 1994, Respondent was convicted pursuant to a plea of nolo contendere of having committed a violation of Health and Safety Code section 11550, subdivision (a), use or being under the influence of a controlled substance. Respondent was ordered to return to Court for sentencing on November 15, 1994.

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#### Convictions for Violations of State Drug Statutes

26. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for having convictions for violations of state statutes or regulations regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances, by unlawfully possessing and using controlled substances.

Such convictions of state drug statutes constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of section 2237 of the Code. The facts and circumstances regarding such convictions are alleged in Paragraph 25 of this Supplemental and Amended Accusation, which is incorporated herein by reference.

VII

#### Unlawful Use of Controlled Substances

27. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for unlawfully using or administering to himself controlled substances in violation of sections 2234, subdivision (a) and 2239 of the Code based on the facts and circumstances as alleged in Paragraph 25 of this Supplemental and Amended Accusation, which is incorporated herein by reference.

VIII

#### Violation of State Drug Statutes

28. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action for having violated or attempting to violate a state statute or regulation regulating dangerous drugs or controlled substances by unlawfully possessing and using Cocaine and Marijuana, which are controlled substances and dangerous drugs.

Section 11350, subdivision (a) of the Health and Safety Code prohibits the possession of the controlled substance of Cocaine. Section 11357 of the Health and Safety Code prohibits the possession of the controlled substance of Marijuana.

Such violations of state drug statutes constitute unprofessional conduct in violation of sections 2234, subdivision (a) and 2238 of the Code. The facts and circumstances regarding

1	such violations are alleged in Paragraph 25 of this Supplemental
2	and Amended Accusation, which is incorporated herein by
3	reference.
4	<u>PRAYER</u>
5	WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held
6	in this matter and that following such hearing, the Division
7	issue a decision:
8	1. Suspending or revoking Physician's and Surgeon's
9	Certificate No. G 60783 issued to Rodney Daniel Collins, M.D.;
10	2. Ordering Respondent to pay to the Division
11	reasonable costs of the investigation and prosecution of this
12	case; and
13	3. Taking such other action as the Division deems
14	proper.
15	DATED: November 14, 1994.
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