

By: Harmon L. Elkin
Deputy Agency Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA
BOARD OF MEDICINE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

Petitioner,

vs.

DOH CASE NO. : 2007-21821
LICENSE NO. : ME0087813

WILLIAM JOHN JOHNS, III, M.D.,

Respondent.

FINAL ORDER

THIS CAUSE came before the BOARD OF MEDICINE (Board) pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, on June 6, 2008, in Orlando, Florida, for consideration of the Administrative Complaint (attached hereto as Exhibit A) in the above-styled cause pursuant to Respondent's Election of Rights. Respondent was served with the Administrative Complaint by publication. Because Respondent failed to submit an Election of Rights or otherwise dispute the facts or respond in any other way, Respondent waived the right to a hearing pursuant to Section 120.57(1), Florida Statutes. At the hearing, Petitioner was represented by Christopher Torres, Assistant General Counsel. Respondent was not present and was not represented by counsel. The facts are not in dispute.

Upon consideration, it is ORDERED:

1. The allegations of fact set forth in the Administrative Complaint are approved and adopted and incorporated herein by reference as the findings of fact by the Board.

2. The conclusions of law alleged and set forth in the Administrative Complaint are approved and adopted and incorporated herein by reference as the conclusions of law by the Board.

3. The violations set forth warrant disciplinary action by the Board.

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine in the State of Florida is immediately SUSPENDED until such time as he personally appears before the Board and demonstrates the ability to practice medicine with skill and safety.

2. In the event Respondent's license in Florida is reinstated, he shall be required to maintain a licensure-long contract with the Professionals Resource Network (PRN). Should Respondent fall out of compliance with his PRN contract, Respondent's license to practice medicine shall be immediately suspended.

3. The Board retains jurisdiction in this matter to impose terms on Respondent's license as deemed appropriate by the Board, including, but not limited to, a term of probation. Said

terms shall be imposed at such time, if any, that Respondent's license to practice medicine is reinstated.

RULING ON AMENDED MOTION TO ASSESS COSTS

The Board reviewed the Petitioner's Motion to Assess Costs and imposes the costs associated with this case in the amount of \$6,488.07. Said costs are to be paid within six months of reinstatement of Respondent's license to practice medicine in Florida.

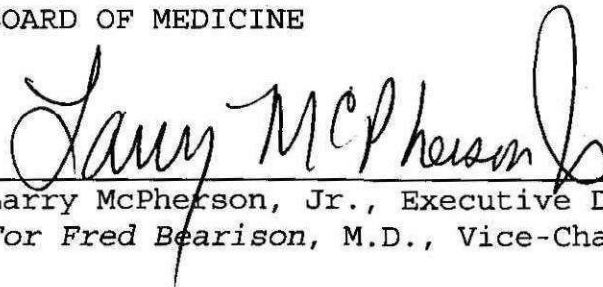
(NOTE: SEE RULE 64B8-8.0011, FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED BY FINAL ORDER, THE RULE SETS FORTH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR PERFORMANCE OF ALL PENALTIES CONTAINED IN THIS FINAL ORDER.)

This Final Order shall take effect upon being filed with the Clerk of the Department of Health.

DONE AND ORDERED this 20 day of JUNE,

2008.

BOARD OF MEDICINE



Larry McPherson, Jr., Executive Director
For Fred Bearison, M.D., Vice-Chair

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE AGENCY CLERK OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND A SECOND COPY, ACCOMPANIED BY FILING FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF

APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT, OR WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RENDITION OF THE ORDER TO BE REVIEWED.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Final Order has been provided by U.S. Mail to WILLIAM JOHN JOHNS, III, M.D., 4310 Seagull Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 34652; and 8484 Red Bay Court, Vero Beach, Florida 32963; and by interoffice delivery to Ephraim Livingston, Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3253 this 23rd day of June, 2008.


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WILLIAM JOHN JOHNS, III M.D.,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Medicine against Respondent, William John Johns, III, M.D., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state department charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.
2. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was a licensed physician within the state of Florida, having been issued license number ME 87813.

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3. Respondent's address of record is 8404 Red Bay Court, Vero Beach, Florida 32963.

4. On or about July 23, 2006, Respondent was charged in a four count indictment in incident number 03907-2006, in New York State Supreme Court in and for New York County, charging him with attempted murder in the second degree, attempted kidnapping in the second degree, assault in the second degree, and endangering the welfare of a child.

5. The indictment alleged that Respondent began feeling stressed with work and relationship issues. In response, Respondent stopped taking his medication, stopped seeing patients and, in a rambling phone call, fired his receptionist. He believed he was a character in a movie and that other people were actually actors observing him. In response, his psychiatrist tried to treat him by increasing his antidepressant medication which was worn on a patch on his arm.

6. Respondent's behavior was so strange that a lifelong friend drove three hours to visit him after receiving a bizarre telephone call from Respondent. Just after the two rented a video and ordered a pizza at Respondent's home, Respondent stated he had to go, and left his home. Instead of returning home, Respondent impulsively traveled to New York

City from his home in Florida. Along the way, he tore his anti-depressant medication patch from his arm and threw it away. During the drive and into New York City, Respondent heard voices and at times thought he was Jesus Christ. He believed people were praising him and pressing him to save people, particularly children.

7. Once in New York City, Respondent abandoned his automobile and gave his wallet, credit cards and money to a Hilton Hotel restaurant employee stating he was Jesus Christ and would not have a need for them.

8. Respondent then traveled to the terminals and piers on the West side of Manhattan and began watching families and children in a play area. He became fixated on a two-year old boy playing with his mother in an outdoor area. Respondent related that there were certain moments where he thought the child was an alien, or super-human, but later determined that the child was in danger of falling in the water or being hit by a bus, and had to be saved from his mother who was from outer space. Respondent approached the mother and stood inappropriately close to her without saying anything. He then grabbed the child away from her. When the mother attempted to intervene, Respondent grabbed the child more forcefully. When the mother attempted to flee, Respondent realized that he

would not be able to take the child; Instead, he decided to "take care" of the mother. Respondent grabbed her from behind, pushed her to the ground, climbed on top of her and choked her into unconsciousness. When Respondent saw several men approaching, he felt the need to tighten his grip because he was afraid the men would stop him and the woman would go free. Ultimately, the men were able to free the victim and hold Respondent until the police arrived. He has been incarcerated since his arrest.

9. On or about April 10, 2007, Respondent pleaded not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect of the attempt to commit the crime of kidnapping in the second degree. In light of the plea, the other counts were dismissed.

10. On or about August 30, 2007, the Court found Respondent to be "dangerously mentally ill". He was committed to a secure treatment facility in the State of New York for a period of six months.

11. Section 458.331(1)(s), Florida Statutes (2006), subjects a licensee to discipline, including suspension, for being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or

use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

12. Respondent pled not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect of the attempt to commit the crime of kidnapping in the second degree.

13. Respondent was found to be "dangerously mentally ill" and was committed to a secure treatment facility in the State of New York for a period of six months.

14. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 458.331(1)(s), Florida Statutes (2006), by being unable to practice as a result of any mental or physical condition.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Medicine enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 12th day of October, 2007.

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., M.P.H.
State Surgeon General



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DEPUTY CLERK
CLERK: *Kelli Michael*
DATE: 10/15/07

PCP: October 12, 2007
PCP Members: Dr. Leon, Dr. Cline, + Mr. Beebe

NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested.

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, the Board shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a disciplinary matter, which may include attorney hours and costs, on the Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

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WILLIAM JOHN JOHNS, III, M.D.

Respondent.

**AMENDED MOTION TO ASSESS COSTS IN ACCORDANCE
WITH SECTION 456.072(4)**

COMES NOW the Department of Health, by and through the undersigned counsel, and moves the Board of Medicine for the entry of a Final Order assessing costs against Respondent, William John Johns, III, M.D. for the investigation and prosecution of this case in accordance with Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes (2003). As grounds therefore, Petitioner states the following:

1. At its next regularly scheduled meeting, the Board of Medicine will take up for consideration the above-styled disciplinary action and will enter a Final Order therein.

2. Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes (2003),¹ states as follows:

In addition to any other discipline imposed through final order, or citation, entered on or after July 1, 2001, pursuant to this section or discipline imposed through final order, or citation, entered on or after July 1, 2001, for a violation of any practice act, the board, or the department when there is no board, shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of the case. Such costs related to the investigation and prosecution include, but are not limited to, salaries and benefits of personnel, costs related to the time spent by the attorney and other personnel working on the case, and any other expenses incurred by the department for the case. The board, or the department when there is no board, shall determine the amount of costs to be assessed after its consideration of an affidavit of itemized costs and any written objections thereto.

3. The investigation and prosecution of this case has resulted in costs in the total amount of \$6,488.07. Therefore, Petitioner seeks an assessment of costs against Respondent in the amount of \$6,488.07, as evidenced in the attached affidavit. (Exhibit A).

4. Should Respondent file written objections to the assessment of costs, within ten (10) days of the date of this motion, specifying the grounds for the objections and the specific elements of the costs to which

¹ Ch. 2003-416, § 19, Laws of Fla., effective September 15, 2003, amended Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes (2003), to include the underlined language.

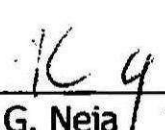
the objections are made, Petitioner requests that the Board determine the amount of costs to be assessed based upon its consideration of the affidavit attached as Exhibit A and any timely-filed written objections.

5. Petitioner requests that the Board grant this motion and assess costs in the amount of \$6,488.07 as supported by competent, substantial evidence. This assessment of costs is in addition to any other discipline imposed by the Board and is in accordance with Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes (2003).

WHEREFORE, the Department of Health requests that the Board of Medicine enter a Final Order assessing costs against Respondent in the amount of \$6,488.07.

DATED this 8th day of May, 2008.

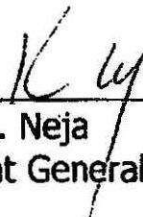
Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been furnished via return receipt, certified mail requested, to: William John Johns, III, M.D. 8404 Red Bay Court, Vero Beach, Florida 32963 and 4310 Seagull Drive, New Port Richey, Florida 34652, on this 3rd day of May, 2008.



Kevin G. Neja
Assistant General Counsel

KGN:sdw

AFFIDAVIT OF FEES AND COSTS EXPENDED

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEON:

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared **JAMES R. COOKSEY**, who was sworn and states as follows:

- 1) My name is James R. Cooksey.
- 2) I am over the age of 18, competent to testify, and make this affidavit upon my own personal knowledge and after review of the records at the Florida Department of Health (DOH).
- 3) I am a Operations Management Consultant for the Consumer Services Unit for DOH. The Consumer Services Unit is where all complaints against Florida health care licensees (e.g., medical doctors, dentists, nurses, respiratory therapists) are officially filed. I have been in my current job position for more than one year. My business address is 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-75, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3275.
- 4) As a Operations Management Consultant, my job duties include reviewing data in the Time Tracking System and verifying that the amounts correspond. The Time Tracking System is a computer program which records and tracks DOH's costs regarding the investigation and prosecution of cases against Florida health care licensees.
- 5) As of today, DOH's total costs for investigating and prosecuting DOH case number 2007-21821 (Department of Health v. William John Johns, III, M.D. are six thousand four hundred eighty-eight dollars and seven cents (\$6488.07).
- 6) The costs for DOH case number 2007-21821 (Department of Health v. William John Johns, III, M.D.) are summarized in Exhibit 1 (Cost Summary Report), which is attached to this document.
- 7) The itemized costs and expenses for DOH case number 2007-21821 (Department of Health v. William John Johns, III, M.D.) are detailed in Exhibit 2 (Itemized Cost Report and Itemized Expense Report and receipts), which is attached to this document.
- 8) The itemized costs as reflected in Exhibit 2 are determined by the following method: DOH employees who work on cases daily are to keep track of their time in six-minute increments (e.g., investigators and lawyers). A designated DOH employee in the Consumer Services

Unit, Legal Department, and in each area office, inputs the time worked and expenses spent into the Time Tracking System. Time and expenses are charged against a state health care Board (e.g., Florida Board of Medicine, Florida Board of Dentistry, Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine), and/or a case. If no Board or case can be charged, then the time and expenses are charged as administrative time. The hourly rate of each employee is calculated by formulas established by the Department. (See the Itemized Cost Report)

- 9) James R. Cooksey, first being duly sworn, states that he has read the foregoing Affidavit and its attachments and the statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

James R. Cooksey
James R. Cooksey, Affiant

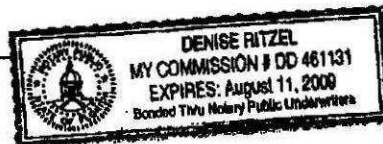
State of Florida
County of Leon

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 7th day of May, 2008,
by James R. Cooksey, who is personally known to me.

Denise Ritzel
Notary Signature

Denise Ritzel
Name of Notary Printed

Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public:



Complaint Cost Summary

Complaint Number: 200721821

Complainant's Name: CITIZENS COMMISSION ON
HUMAN RIGHTS OF FL

Subject's Name: JOHNS, WILLIAM JOHN III

	***** Cost to Date *****	
	Hours	Costs
Complaint:	1.00	\$38.72
Investigation:	18.60	\$1,240.05
Legal:	48.90	\$4,998.41
Compliance:	0.00	\$0.00
	*****	*****
Sub Total:	68.50	\$6,277.18
Expenses to Date:		\$210.89
Prior Amount:		\$0.00
Total Costs to Date:		\$6,488.07

**Time Tracking System
Itemized Cost by Complaint**

Complaint 200721821

Report Date: 05/07/2008

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Staff Code	Activity Hours	Staff Rate	Cost	Activity Date	Activity Code	Activity Description
CONSUMER SERVICES UNIT						
HA111	1.00	\$38.72	\$38.72	08/13/2007	78	INITIAL REVIEW AND ANALYSIS OF COMPLAINT
Sub Total	1.00		\$38.72			

INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES UNIT						
W181	2.20	\$66.67	\$146.67	08/14/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	2.20	\$66.67	\$146.67	08/15/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	1.30	\$66.67	\$86.67	08/20/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	0.40	\$66.67	\$26.67	08/22/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	2.30	\$66.67	\$153.34	08/24/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	0.80	\$66.67	\$53.34	08/28/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	1.30	\$66.67	\$86.67	08/29/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	0.40	\$66.67	\$26.67	09/04/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	2.90	\$66.67	\$193.34	09/07/2007	4	ROUTINE INVESTIGATIVE WORK
W181	1.70	\$66.67	\$113.34	10/02/2007	6	SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION
W181	1.90	\$66.67	\$126.67	10/03/2007	6	SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION
W181	1.20	\$66.67	\$80.00	10/04/2007	6	SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION
Sub Total	18.60		\$1,240.05			

PROSECUTION SERVICES UNIT						
HLL55D	3.00	\$97.54	\$292.62	09/12/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL55D	0.50	\$97.54	\$48.77	09/12/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL55D	0.20	\$97.54	\$19.51	09/12/2007	35	TELEPHONE CALLS
HLL55D	3.00	\$97.54	\$292.62	09/14/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL55D	0.80	\$97.54	\$78.03	09/18/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL55D	0.60	\$97.54	\$58.52	09/18/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL55D	2.00	\$97.54	\$195.08	09/19/2007	81	ESO/ERO



**Time Tracking System
Itemized Cost by Complaint**

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Staff Code	Activity Hours	Staff Rate	Cost	Activity Date	Activity Code	Activity Description
HLL26B	0.50	\$100.27	\$50.14	09/19/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL26B	1.00	\$100.27	\$100.27	09/20/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL26B	0.20	\$100.27	\$20.05	09/20/2007	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS
HLL55D	4.00	\$97.54	\$390.16	09/20/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL55D	0.40	\$97.54	\$39.02	10/02/2007	81	ESO/ERO
HLL55D	0.70	\$97.54	\$68.28	10/02/2007	28	PREPARE OR REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT
HLL57B	1.50	\$91.00	\$136.50	10/03/2007	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS
HLL55D	1.80	\$97.54	\$175.57	10/03/2007	28	PREPARE OR REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT
HLL55D	1.00	\$97.54	\$97.54	10/03/2007	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS
HLL55D	0.30	\$97.54	\$29.26	10/08/2007	28	PREPARE OR REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT
HLL55D	1.40	\$97.54	\$136.56	10/10/2007	37	REVIEW LETTER
HLL55D	0.80	\$97.54	\$78.03	10/11/2007	89	PROBABLE CAUSE PREPARATION
HLL55D	1.00	\$91.00	\$91.00	10/12/2007	89	PROBABLE CAUSE PREPARATION
HLL55D	1.30	\$91.00	\$118.30	10/12/2007	63	PRESENTATION OF CASES TO PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL
HLL55D	0.60	\$97.54	\$58.52	10/16/2007	40	PREPARATION OF OR REVISION OF A PLEADING
HLL55D	0.20	\$91.00	\$18.20	10/17/2007	90	POST PROBABLE CAUSE PROCESSING
HLL55D	0.90	\$91.00	\$81.90	10/29/2007	6	SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION
HLL55D	0.40	\$91.00	\$36.40	10/29/2007	6	SUPPLEMENTAL INVESTIGATION
HLL55D	0.50	\$91.00	\$45.50	11/02/2007	36	PREPARATION OR REVISION OF LETTER
HLL55D	0.40	\$91.00	\$36.40	11/14/2007	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS
HLL55D	0.20	\$91.00	\$18.20	11/14/2007	37	REVIEW LETTER
HLL55D	0.20	\$91.00	\$18.20	11/20/2007	35	TELEPHONE CALLS
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HLL55D	0.10	\$91.00	\$9.10	12/05/2007	25	REVIEW CASE FILE
HLL55D	1.00	\$111.56	\$111.56	01/22/2008	40	PREPARATION OF OR REVISION OF A PLEADING
HLL55D	0.50	\$111.56	\$55.78	01/22/2008	47	TRIAL PREPARATION
HLL55D	0.60	\$111.56	\$66.94	02/05/2008	91	BOARD MEETING PREPARATION
HLL55D	0.30	\$111.56	\$33.47	02/19/2008	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS
HLL55D	0.80	\$111.56	\$89.25	02/25/2008	91	BOARD MEETING PREPARATION
HL58B	0.50	\$111.56	\$55.78	04/02/2008	64	LEGAL ADVICE/DISCUSSION - BOARD OFFICE, DEPT STAFF OR A TTY GEN OFF.
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HLL24B	0.20	\$111.56	\$22.31	04/02/2008	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS

**Time Tracking System
Itemized Cost by Complaint**

Complaint 200721821

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Staff Code	Activity Hours	Staff Rate	Cost	Activity Date	Activity Code	Activity Description
HLL24B	0.30	\$111.56	\$33.47	04/02/2008	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS
HLL24B	0.30	\$111.56	\$33.47	04/02/2008	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS
HLL55D	0.70	\$111.56	\$78.09	04/02/2008	46	LEGAL RESEARCH
HLL55D	0.70	\$111.56	\$78.09	04/02/2008	46	LEGAL RESEARCH
HLL24B	1.00	\$111.56	\$111.56	04/04/2008	91	BOARD MEETING PREPARATION
HLL24B	0.60	\$111.56	\$66.94	04/04/2008	58	TRAVEL TIME
HLL24B	0.80	\$111.56	\$89.25	04/05/2008	66	BOARD OR BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS
HLL24B	1.00	\$111.56	\$111.56	04/06/2008	58	TRAVEL TIME
HLL24B	0.30	\$111.56	\$33.47	04/07/2008	26	PREPARE OR REVISE MEMORANDUM
HLL24B	1.50	\$111.56	\$167.34	04/08/2008	70	CONFERENCES WITH LAWYERS
HLL55D	0.30	\$111.56	\$33.47	04/22/2008	76	REPORT PREPARATION
HLL55D	0.10	\$111.56	\$11.16	04/30/2008	35	TELEPHONE CALLS
HLL55D	0.20	\$111.56	\$22.31	04/30/2008	35	TELEPHONE CALLS
HLL55D	0.90	\$111.56	\$100.40	04/30/2008	37	REVIEW LETTER
HLL55D	0.40	\$111.56	\$44.62	05/01/2008	26	PREPARE OR REVISE MEMORANDUM
HLL55D	0.90	\$111.56	\$100.40	05/01/2008	54	PREPARE OR REVISE BRIEF
HLL55D	1.90	\$111.56	\$211.96	05/02/2008	91	BOARD MEETING PREPARATION
HLL55D	1.70	\$111.56	\$189.65	05/02/2008	25	REVIEW CASE FILE
HLL55D	1.10	\$111.56	\$122.72	05/05/2008	91	BOARD MEETING PREPARATION
Sub Total	48.90		\$4,998.41			

Total Cost	\$6,277.18
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**Time Tracking System
Itemized Expense by Complaint
Complaint 200721821**

Report Date: 05/07/2008

Staff Code	Expense Date	Expense Amount	Expense Code	Expense Code Description
PROSECUTION SERVICES UNIT				
HLL55D	10/22/2007	\$10.89	133100	LEGAL & OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENTS
HLL55D	02/28/2008	\$200.00	230000	PRINTING & REPRODUCTION
	SubTotal	\$210.89		
	Total Expenses	\$210.89		

By: Rachel Ben
Deputy Agency Clerk

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

IN RE: The Emergency Suspension of the License of
William John Johns, III M.D.
License Number: ME 87813
Case Number 2007-21821

ORDER OF EMERGENCY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE

Ana M. Viamonte Ros, M.D., MPH, State Surgeon General, ORDERS the Emergency Suspension of the license to practice as a medical doctor of William John Johns, III M.D. (hereinafter referred to as "Dr. Johns"). Dr. Johns holds license number ME 87813. His address of record is 8404 Red Bay Court, Vero Beach, Florida 32963. The following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law support the Emergency Suspension of Dr. Johns' license to practice as a medical doctor in the State of Florida.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Department of Health ("Department") is the state department charged with regulating the practice of medicine pursuant to Chapters 20, 456 and 458, Florida Statutes. Section 456.073, Florida Statutes, authorizes the State Surgeon General to summarily suspend Dr. Johns' license to practice as a medical doctor in the State of Florida, in accordance with Section 120.60(6), Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this order, Dr. Johns was licensed as a medical doctor in the State of Florida, pursuant to Chapter 458, Florida Statutes, and practicing as a child psychiatrist.

3. On or about July 23, 2006, Dr. Johns was charged in a four count indictment in incident number 03907-2006, in New York State Supreme Court in and for

New York County. Dr. Johns was indicted for attempted murder in the second degree, attempted kidnapping in the second degree, assault in the second degree, and endangering the welfare of a child.

4. On or about April 10, 2007, Dr. Johns' pleaded not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect of the attempt to commit the crime of kidnapping in the second degree. In light of the plea, the other counts were dismissed.

5. A transcript of the proceeding, the facts of which are not disputed by Dr. Johns, and an Order of the Court committing Dr. Johns to a secure facility, reveal Dr. Johns was first diagnosed in 2004 with a Major Depressive Disorder. That diagnosis was changed to Bipolar II Disorder in 2005. He has a history of psychiatric care, alcoholism, depression and attention deficit disorder.

6. The transcript reveals Dr. Johns suffered a previous setback approximately two years ago. In that episode, after opening his own practice, Dr. Johns fell into a deep depression, failed to take his anti-psychotic medication and became non-compliant with his treatment, cumulating in hospitalization.

7. In the most recent episode, shortly before his arrest in New York, Dr. Johns again began feeling stressed with work and relationship issues. In response, Dr. Johns stopped taking his medication, stopped seeing patients and fired his receptionist in a rambling phone call. He believed he was a character in a movie and that other people were actually actors observing him. In response, his psychiatrist tried to treat

him by increasing his antidepressant medication which was delivered by a patch worn on his arm.

8. Dr. Johns' behavior was so strange that a lifelong friend, Dr. Jon Windom, drove three hours to visit him after receiving a bizarre telephone call from Dr. Johns. Just after he and Dr. Windom rented a video and ordered a pizza at Dr. Johns' home, Dr. Johns stated that he had to go, and left. From his home in Florida, Dr. Johns impulsively traveled to New York City. Along the way he tore the medication patch from his arm and threw it away. During the drive, Dr. Johns heard voices and at times thought he was Jesus Christ. He believed people were praising him and pressing him to save people, particularly children.

9. Once in New York City, Dr. Johns abandoned his automobile and gave his wallet, credit cards and money to a Hilton Hotel restaurant employee stating that he was Jesus Christ and would not have a need for them.

10. Dr. Johns then traveled to the terminals and piers on the West side of Manhattan and began watching families and children in a play area. He became fixated on a two-year old boy playing with his mother in an outdoor area. Dr Johns related that there were certain moments where he thought the child was an alien, or super-human, but later determined that the child was in danger of falling in the water or being hit by a bus, and had to be saved from his mother who was from outer space. Dr Johns approached the mother and stood inappropriately close to her without saying anything. He then grabbed the child away from her. When the mother attempted to intervene,

Dr. Johns grabbed the child more forcefully. When the mother attempted to flee, Dr Johns realized that he would not be able to take the child; instead, he decided to "take care" of the mother. Dr. Johns grabbed her from behind, pushed her to the ground, climbed on top of her and choked her into unconsciousness. When Dr. Johns saw several men approaching, he felt the need to tighten his grip because he was afraid the men would stop him and the woman would go free. Ultimately, the men were able to free the victim and held Dr. Johns until the police arrived. Dr. Johns has been incarcerated since his arrest.

11. Following his plea of non-responsibility, Dr. Johns was committed to the custody of the Commissioner of Mental Health of the State of New York for an examination to determine his current mental condition, and to determine the degree of confinement or supervision necessary both to treat Dr. Johns and at the same time safeguard the public.

12. Dr. Johns' indicated his intent to return to Florida and proposed "day treatment" at a psychiatric facility in Florida. His plan relied in large measure on the ability of his family and friends to monitor his medication compliance and sound an appropriate alarm if Dr. Johns should exhibit signs of manic behavior.

13. On or about August 30, 2007, the Court rejected his request and found Dr. Johns to be "dangerously mentally ill". He was committed to a secure treatment facility in the State of New York for a period of six months. The court found that Dr. Johns' proposal to be treated in Florida was too vague to insure his psychiatric stability,

and emphasized that Dr. Johns' family and friends do not live in his community in Florida and are the same people who were monitoring him before he bolted for New York.

14. The Court found that if Dr. Johns' treating physicians determine that he no longer requires that high a level of secure care and he no longer is "dangerously mentally ill," he may petition the court to review his status and request for treatment in a non-secure treatment facility in Florida.

15. The safety of Dr. Johns' patients cannot be assured. Dr. Johns' conduct, which culminated in his plea of not responsible by reason of mental disease or defect, constitutes a breach of the trust and confidence placed on him by the issuance of a license to practice medicine in the State of Florida. This breach is particularly compelling in Dr. Johns' case because his behavior resulted in physical danger to a minor child and a brutal assault on a mother coming to the aid of her child. Dr. Johns' behavior and history of psychiatric care represent a significant likelihood that a continuation of this type of incident will occur, and Dr. Johns' will cause harm to patients. This probability constitutes an immediate danger to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the State of Florida.

16. Dr. Johns cannot be trusted to exercise sound judgment and good moral character in the practice of medicine. Dr. Johns' ability to practice medicine at this time is severely impaired based on the information provided to the Department and

constitutes an immediate serious threat to the public health, safety, or welfare. Nothing short of suspending Dr. Johns' license will adequately protect the public.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Surgeon General has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Section 20.43 and 456.073, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 458, Florida Statutes.

2. The Surgeon General concludes that Dr. Johns has violated Section 458.331(1)(s) Florida Statutes, by being unable to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, chemicals, or other type of material, or as a result of a mental or physical condition.

3. The Surgeon General finds that Dr. Johns' continued practice as a physician constitutes an immediate and serious danger to the health, safety and welfare of the public and that this summary procedure is fair under the circumstances to adequately protect the public.


WHEREFORE, in accordance with Section 120.60(6), Florida Statutes it is

ORDERED THAT:

1. The license of William John Johns, III M.D., license number ME 87813, is immediately suspended.

2. A proceeding seeking formal suspension or revocation of the license to practice as a physician of William John Johns, III M.D, will be promptly instituted and acted upon in compliance with Section 120.569, Florida Statutes and this order shall be filed in accordance with Section 120.60(6), Florida Statutes.

DONE and ORDERED this 1 day of October, 2007.


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