

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD: Medicine  
CASE NUMBER: 9105517  
COMPLAINT MADE BY: C.G.  
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED: April 23, 1991  
COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST: Thomas Arthur Williams, M.D.  
831 South Delaware Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33606  
REVIEWED BY: Carlos J. Ramos/GP  
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: CLOSE (PL-06)

CLOSING ORDER

THE COMPLAINT: Complainant alleges that the Subject of the investigation failed to furnish patient records in a timely manner until contacted by the Department.

THE FACTS: Investigation substantiated the allegation, in that Complainant had difficulty in locating Subject for the purpose of requesting the transfer of her medical records.

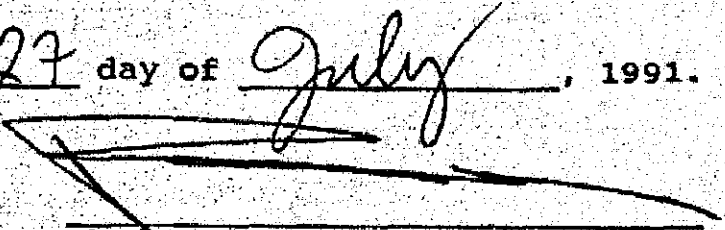
C.G. was a patient of Subject's in Tampa from on or about April 1982, to on or about early 1990. She attempted to make an appointment to visit Subject and received a telephone message that the telephone service had been disconnected. She contacted the Department and learned that Subject had relocated his practice to the Saint Augustine Psychiatric Center.

Complainant wrote the center requesting the transfer of her medical records to a new physician. When the medical records were not forthcoming, she telephoned and was informed that Subject was no longer employed at the center and his whereabouts were unknown. The center refused to disclose Subject's forwarding address. There upon, C.G. contacted the Department for assistance in obtaining the transfer of her medical records. Subject provided records after complaint was filed.

THE LAW: Based on the foregoing, there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of probable cause to believe that Subject violated the provisions of Section 458.331(1)(x), Florida Statutes. However, under the aforesaid circumstances, this case should be closed with a Letter of Guidance.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that this case should be and the same is hereby CLOSED with a Letter of Guidance.

DONE and ORDERED this 27 day of July, 1991.

  
Chairman, Probable Cause Panel  
Board of Medicine

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