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## In The Matter Of

**ROBERT A. VETSCH, M.D.**  
(Certificate No. 014804)

No. 04-I-022

## **INTERIM CONSENT ORDER**

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The Investigating Officer assigned to this matter by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners (the "Board") has received apparently reliable information, indicating that Robert A. Vetsch, M.D., a physician who at all times pertinent was licensed to practice medicine in this state and engaged in practice in and around Monroe, Louisiana, was convicted by the federal court sitting in the Western District of Louisiana, Monroe Division, with one count of coercion and enticement (Illegal Sexual Activity), 18 U.S.C. 2422(b). The underlying charges asserted that Dr. Vetsch used the mail and the internet to attempt to persuade, induce, entice and coerce an individual who had not attained the age of 18 years of age to engage in sexual activity under circumstances that would constitute a criminal offense under La. Rev. Stat. Ann. §14:80 (Felony carnal knowledge of a juvenile).<sup>1</sup> On March 7, 2005, Dr. Vetsch was sentenced by the court to five (5) years incarceration in a federal penitentiary.<sup>2</sup> Formal administrative charges have been asserted against Dr. Vetsch before the Board, alleging specified violations of the Louisiana Medical Practice Act.<sup>3</sup> The physician has requested a hearing on such charges following his release from incarceration.

As evidenced by his subscription hereto, Dr. Vetsch acknowledges the right to have written notification of any charges that may be asserted, as well as the right to have evidence of such charges asserted during an administrative hearing at which time he will be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses and to present evidence in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. §§49:951, *et seq.* Irrespective of such rights, Dr. Vetsch, nonetheless, hereby consents to the indefinite suspension of his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana, with reinstatement thereof subject to the terms and conditions of this Order. By his

<sup>1</sup> *Indictment*, United States of America vs. Robert Alan Vetsch, Cr. No. 04-300013-01, 18 U.S.C. §2422(b) (Mar. 25, 2004).

<sup>2</sup> *Verdict of the Jury*, United States of America vs. Robert Alan Vetsch, Cr. No. 04-300013-01, (Nov. 20, 2004).

<sup>3</sup> La. Rev. Stat. §§ 37:1285A(1) provides that the Board may take action against the license of a physician as a result of the '[C]onviction or plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a crime constituting a felony under the laws of the United States or Louisiana.'

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subscription hereto, he authorizes the Investigating Officer designated by the Board with respect hereto to present this Interim Consent Order to the Board for its consideration and to fully discuss with and disclose to the Board the nature and extent of such charges and he waives any objection to such disclosures under La. Rev. Stat. §49:960. Dr. Vetsch expressly acknowledges that disclosure of such information to the Board by the Investigating Officer shall be without prejudice to the Investigating Officer's authority to prosecute administrative charges that have or may be filed in this matter or to the Board's capacity to adjudicate such charges.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. §49:955(D);

**IT IS ORDERED** that the license of Robert A. Vetsch, M.D. to engage in the practice of medicine in the state of Louisiana, as evidenced by Certificate No. 014804 be, and the same is hereby, effective as of the date hereof, **SUSPENDED**;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Robert A. Vetsch, M.D. shall not practice medicine in any form in the state of Louisiana until and unless the Board issues and serves a written decision reinstating his license to practice following an administrative hearing and issuance of a final decision on any charges filed in these proceedings; alternatively, by its acceptance of a final Consent Order respecting such charges;

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any violation or failure to comply with the restrictions set forth by this Order by Robert A. Vetsch, M.D. shall be deemed adequate and sufficient cause, upon proof of such violation or failure, for the revocation and cancellation of his license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana or for such other action as the Board may deem appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in La. Rev. Stat. §37:1285.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that this Interim Consent Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2006.

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BY: Kweli J. Amusa, MD  
KWELI J. AMUSA, M.D.  
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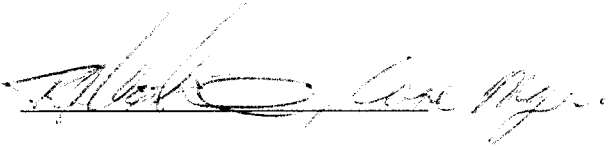
ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSENT

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I, **ROBERT A. VETSCH, M.D.**, hereby acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to entry of the above and foregoing Interim Consent Order, this 14 day of November, 2005.

  
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**ROBERT A. VETSCH, M.D.**

Witness:

  
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