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IN THE MATTER OF

ALFRED TUCKER BUTTERWORTH,
M.D.

CONSENT ORDER

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("the Board"), suspended the license of Alfred C. Tucker Butterworth, M.D. ("Dr. Butterworth"), to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana on August 8, 1979, pending an administrative hearing. Dr. Butterworth's license was suspended after the Board was informed that Dr. Butterworth pled guilty, in Orleans Parish, on January 30, 1979, to two felonies, possession with intent to distribute marijuana and possession of cocaine. Dr. Butterworth is afflicted with Parkinson's disease and, due to his poor health, the administrative hearing which was originally scheduled in 1979, was continued indefinitely.

On March 30, 1984, Dr. Butterworth advised the board, via letter¹, that he desired a reinstatement of his medical licensure. Dr. Butterworth

¹See letter to Dr. Charles Odom, President, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, from Dr. Alfred T. Butterworth, August 8, 1979.

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advised that he did not intend to practice medicine but, in order to clear his record, would like his license to be formally reinstated. Dr. Butterworth also formally applied for reactivation of his medical license.²

In support of Dr. Butterworth's request, the Board received a letter from Diane E. Ross, M.D., a neurologist who has treated Dr. Butterworth since November 30, 1982.³ The Board also received correspondence from Retus W. Osborn, III, M.D., staff psychiatrist at Gabrielle House, advising the Board of Dr. Butterworth's personal integrity and abilities as a physician, as well as a letter from J. Paul Leslie, M.D., in further support of reinstatement of Dr. Butterworth's license.⁴

In Dr. Butterworth's letter to the Board of March 30, 1984, the Board was advised that as a result of his conviction, he was sentenced to five years, suspended, and placed on five years active probation. Dr. Butterworth has completed his probationary period as of January 14, 1984, and received a full pardon and reinstatement of all rights of citizenship.⁵

Following a lengthy discussion of Dr. Butterworth's past legal and health problems, it was the decision of the Board to lift the suspension of Dr. Butterworth's license.

²Application for reactivation statistical Affidavit to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, dated May 15, 1984

³Letter from Diane E. Ross, M.D. to J. Morgan Lyons, M.D., Secretary, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, dated May 1, 1984.


⁴See Letters to J. Morgan Lyons, M.D., Secretary, Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners from Retus W. Osborn, III, M.D., dated May 15, 1984 and J. Paul Leslie, M.D., dated April 24, 1984.

⁵See verification of First Offender Pardon, dated January 17, 1984 and Pardon Notice, First Offenders Only, dated January 17, 1984 from the Department of Corrections, State of Louisiana.

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Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGED, STIPULATED AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN Dr. Butterworth and the Board that Dr. Butterworth's license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana is hereby reinstated.

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J. MORGAN LYONS, M.D.
Secretary - Treasurer

I hereby acknowledge, approve and accept the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth in the above and foregoing Consent Order, this 11 day of December, 1985.


ALFRED TUCKER BUTTERWORTH, M.D.