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In The Matter Of

ALFRED E. HARMON, M.D.

NOTICE OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE AND ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

TO: Alfred E. Harmon, M.D. Box 920: Crowley, Louisiana 70527-0920

The Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners is in receipt of apparently reliable information that you have pleaded guilty, having been charged with a Federal crime, and that you are suffering from mental and physical conditions or diseases which may impair your ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety to patients. The information made available or provided to the Board, more particularly, indicates that, on March 7, 1986, you entered a plea of guilty to one count of a bill of information charging you with violation of 18 U.S.C. 2252A, relating to mailing visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct. United States v. Alfred E. Harmon, No. CR 86-60011-01 (U.S.D.C., W.D. La., filed Mar. 4, 1986). Additional information, provided by an examining committee of physicians appointed by the Board pursuant to La. Rev. Stat. 37:1270B(5), indicates that you are suffering from both alcohol dependence and pedophilia and that such physicians have recommended that you be admitted to extended inpatient treatment for chemical dependency with extended outpatient treatment following the acute treatment.

Such information may constitute legal cause for action against your medical license under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act, La. Rev. Stat. 37:1261-92. Accordingly, please take notice that you are hereby charged with "entry of a plea of guilty to a criminal charge, " La. Rev. Stat. 37:1285(1); "[h]abitual or recurring drunkenness," La. Rev. Stat. 37:1285(4);

and "[i]nability to practice medicine with reasonable skill or safety to patients because of . . . physical illness, including but not limited to . . . excessive use or abuse of . . . alcohol," La. Rev. Stat. 37:1285(25).

Based upon the nature of the violations alleged, together with the apparent reliability of the information presented, the Board has concluded that emergency action is imperative to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare, Accordingly,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that:

- (1) Pursuant to the authority vested in it by La. Rev. Stat. 37:1285 and La. Rev. Stat. 49:961C, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners has summarily suspended your license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana pending formal proceedings for revocation or other disciplinary action. You are hereby advised that upon receipt of this notice you have no right or entitlement to practice medicine in any form in this state until such time as your privileges are reinstated by the Board.
- (2) A formal hearing will be convened at 2:00 p.m. on the 24th day of April, 1986, at the Board's office, Suite 100, 830 Union Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, to adjudicate the hereinabove alleged violations and to determine whether just cause exists for the revocation of your license to practice medicine in the state of Louisiana or for other disciplinary action as provided for by La. Rev. Stat. 37:1285.

The hearing is intended to provide you with an opportunity of testing the validity and/or accuracy of the information set forth and to present relevant evidence in your defense. You are therefore invited to attend and participate as you see fit, either personally or through the services of legal counsel of your choice.

Should you desire the Board to issue any subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses or for production of documents on your behalf in accordance with La. Rev. Stat. 49:956(5), please so notify the Board as soon as possible. Please also notify the Board as to whether you will attend the hearing and the name and address of your legal counsel, if any.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 27th day of March, 1986.

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J. Morgan Lyons,

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