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In the Matter of :
: CONSENT ORDER
NATHANIEL GEORGE TIPPIT, M.D. :

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Information was provided to the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") indicating that Nathaniel George Tippit, M.D. ("Dr. Tippit") was charged with gross and repeated malpractice, professional incompetency and unprofessional conduct by the State Board of Medical Examiners for the State of Nevada.¹ The Board was also advised that by decision of May 4, 1984, Dr. Tippit's license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada was revoked; however, the revocation was stayed and the physician's license was placed on probation, under specified terms and conditions for a period of ten (10) years from May 4, 1984.²

¹In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceeding Against Nathaniel G. Tippit, M.D., No. 3991 (September 21, 1983, Amended, November 16, 1983).

²In the Matter of the Disciplinary Proceeding Against Nathaniel G. Tippit, M.D., No. 3991, Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, dated May 4, 1984.

As an alternative to the institution of formal investigation and adjudicatory proceedings under the Louisiana Medical Practice Act,³ the Board advised Dr. Tippit it would accept his execution of a Consent Order by virtue of which the physician's Louisiana license would be placed on probation consistent with the duration, specified terms and conditions imposed by the State of Nevada.⁴

By communication of September 18, 1984, Sherman Mayor, Esq., informed the Board that he had been retained as Dr. Tippit's legal counsel. Mr. Mayor sought a continuance of the administrative hearing regarding Dr. Tippit's licensure in Louisiana pending the outcome of the appeal of the Nevada Board's decision. Mr. Mayor also informed the Board that Dr. Tippit is now residing in Texas and has no current intentions to practice in the State of Louisiana.

In consideration for the requested continuance, Dr. Tippit agreed not to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana pending the outcome of

³LSA-R.S. 37:1261-91. The Board is empowered to suspend, revoke or impose probationary conditions on the license of any physician, for having had his medical license, permit or certificate revoked, suspended or restricted by the licensing authority of any other state; "(c)ontinuing or recurrent medical practice which fails to satisfy the prevailing and usually accepted standards of medical practice in this state;" and "[p]rofessional or medical incompetency," RSA-R.S. 37:1285(30), 1284 (14) and 1285 (12), respectively.

⁴Letter from J. Morgan Lyons, M.D., Sec.-Tres., La. St. Bd. Med. Exam., to Nathaniel G. Tippit, M.D. (August 31, 1984).

the appeal.⁵ The administrative hearing, previously scheduled for September 27, 1984, was continued.

The Appellate Court in Nevada ultimately reversed the original Nevada Board decision and remanded the case to the trial court for a new hearing.⁶

The final outcome of the Nevada Board's investigation was presented to the Louisiana Board at the meeting of June 19 and 20, 1985. Dr. Tippit entered into a Stipulation and Agreement with the Nevada Board in which the Board agreed to dismiss the charges against him if he agreed to never seek renewal of or apply for a Nevada license to practice medicine. Additionally, Dr. Tippit agreed to waive all rights to contest the terms of the Stipulation; he also forfeited his right to a judicial review of the Stipulation. The Nevada Board agreed that it would not institute further proceedings in any other state; however, it reserved its rights to provide copies of the stipulation and agreement to the Federation of State Medical Boards and to respond to inquiries regarding his Nevada license and the proceedings herein.

The Louisiana Board has informed Dr. Tippit and his attorney, Sherman Mayor, that it intends to proceed with the administrative

⁵Telephone conference between Sherman Mayor, Esq. and Philip O. Bergeron, Counsel for the Board, September 18, 1984.

⁶The Board was so informed by Dr. Tippit's counsel in January, 1985.

hearing that was formerly scheduled and continued.⁷ However, the Louisiana Board has agreed to accept Dr. Tippit's assurance that he has no intention of practicing medicine in the State of Louisiana; that he hereby allows his license to practice medicine in Louisiana to lapse; that he will never practice medicine in Louisiana; and that, should he ever apply for renewal of his Louisiana license, the alleged violations mentioned above may be reaverred by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners, all in lieu of a formal administrative hearing regarding the revocation of his licensure in the State of Nevada.

Accordingly, in consideration of the foregoing, and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by LSA-R.S. 37:1285 and LSA-R.S. 49:955 D:

IT IS ORDERED that, until and unless this Order is modified or rescinded by written Order of the Board:

(A) Nathaniel George Tippit, M.D., shall comply in each and every respect with the Stipulation and Agreement entered into with the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of Nevada.⁸

(B) Consistent with this Order, Dr. Tippit duly authorizes and directs the State Board of

⁷Letter from J. Morgan Lyons, M.D., Sec.-Tres., La. St. Bd. Med. Exam. to Nathaniel Tippit, M.D., July 15, 1985.

⁸Attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by reference. In the matter of Disciplinary Proceedings against Nathaniel G. Tippit, M.D., No. 3991.

Medical Examiners for the State of Nevada to report and respond to the Board's inquiries concerning compliance with the terms and conditions of the "Stipulation and Agreement."

- (C) Dr. Tippit agrees to allow his license to practice medicine in the State of Louisiana to lapse, to never seek a renewal of such license or seek issuance of a new Louisiana license to practice medicine; furthermore, he knowingly waives any statutory rights that he might have, now or in the future, to renew or apply for a Louisiana medical license. Dr. Tippit further agrees to never practice medicine in the State of Louisiana.
- (D) The Board agrees to dismiss the action entitled, "In the Matter of Nathaniel George Tippit, M.D." that is pending before the Board and will not institute any further proceedings with respect to Dr. Tippit's prior practice of medicine in the State of Louisiana as long as he abides by this agreement.
- (E) The Board agrees to not initiate any further proceedings with respect to Dr. Tippit's license or right to practice medicine in any other state, but may provide a copy of this Stipulation and Agreement to the Federation of State Medical

Boards of the United States Incorporated and may respond to inquiries received regarding Dr. Tippit's license to practice medicine and the proceedings before the Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any violation of the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth hereinabove, shall be deemed just cause for other disciplinary action as the Board deems appropriate, as if such violations were enumerated among the causes provided in LSA-R.S. 37:1285.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 12 day of February, 1986.

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BY: J. Morgan Lyons, M.D.
Secretary-Treasurer

I HEREBY acknowledge, approve, accept and consent to the entry of the above and foregoing Consent Order and the terms, conditions and restrictions set forth therein, this 7th day of February, 1986.

Nathaniel G. Tippit, M.D.
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