



# MEDIA RELEASE

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT

EDITORS: Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-114 requires the Department of Health to issue a monthly press release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health related boards during the prior month. Below is a list of actions taken during the month of February, 2006.

*Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our web site at [www.tennessee.gov/health](http://www.tennessee.gov/health). Click on "License Verification" and enter the name of the person. When the license information comes up, click on "disciplinary action" and then "view board order."*

### **BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

Licensee: James Fortner, D.D.S., Brentwood, TN  
Violation: Unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct; gross malpractice, or a pattern of continued or repeated malpractice, ignorance, negligence or incompetence in the course of professional practice; and violation of Tenn. Comp. R. & Regs 0460-2.12(4)(e).  
Action: License placed on probation for two years; must attend seminar "Program for Distressed Physicians"; must attend seminar "Prescribing Controlled Drugs"; must attend two-day medical record course at Case Western University, Cleveland, Ohio; must attend and complete three hours of approved CDE in risk management; assessed \$2,000 civil penalties, assessed costs; and must allow Department of Health Investigator to inspect and photocopy ten patient charts per clinic chosen at random.

### **BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**

Licensee: Charles Hudson, DPO, Signal Mountain, TN  
Violation: Immoral, unprofessional or dishonorable conduct; failure to renew annual certificate; being a party to or aiding and abetting the violation of the regulations or the laws regulating the practice of dispensing opticianry; failure to cooperate with the investigation of a disciplinary matter involving any dispensing optician license  
Action: License revoked; assessed \$52,000 in civil penalties; and assessed case costs

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425 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH  
NASHVILLE, TN 37247  
[WWW.TENNESSEE.GOV/HEALTH](http://WWW.TENNESSEE.GOV/HEALTH)

**BOARD OF MASSAGE LICENSURE**

Licensee: Blue River Canyon Day Spa & Store  
Violation: Operated as a massage establishment with an expired license  
Action: Assessed \$3,000 in civil penalties

Licensee: Sandra Erwin, LMT, Athens, TN  
Violation: Violated prior board order  
Action: License Revoked

Licensee: Denise Ann Knight, LMT, Nashville, TN  
Violation: Practiced in an unlicensed facility; employed unlicensed personnel  
Action: Assessed \$500 in civil penalties

Licensee: Gregory Sims, LMT, Oliver Springs, TN  
Violation: Violated prior board order  
Action: License Revoked

Licensee: Marianne Smith, D/B/A Relax Your Ass Ranch, Collierville, TN  
Violation: Operated a massage establishment without a license  
Action: Assessed \$500 in civil penalties and assessed case costs

Licensee: Shelli Williams, LMT, Dowelltown, TN  
Violation: Failed to comply with continuing education requirements  
Action: Assessed \$200 in civil penalties

**BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Licensee: James Evans Carter, MD, Tompkinsville, KY  
Violation: Out of State Action  
Action: License placed on probation to run concurrent with the disciplinary period imposed by Kentucky which is not a set time

**COMMITTEE OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS**

Licensee: Joel Burnett, PA, Knoxville, TN  
Violation: Violation or attempted violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of the Physicians Assistants Act or any lawful order of the Committee and Board issued pursuant thereto, or any criminal statute of the State of Tennessee; habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substances, or other drugs or stimulants in such a manner as to adversely affect the person's ability to practice as a physician's assistant

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Action: License suspended until he has obtained and maintained for 120 days the supervision and advocacy of the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program. After completion of the 120 days; he may petition for an order of compliance and will be required to show proof of absolute compliance with a "zero tolerance" contract; upon submission of this proof, his license will be placed on Probation for the entirety of his contract with the Tennessee Professional Assistance Program

**BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS, MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPISTS, AND CLINICAL PASTORAL THERAPISTS**

Licensee: Susan Taranto, LMFT, Memphis, TN  
Violation: Violation of the rules and regulations adopted by the board; engaging in professional misconduct; unethical or unprofessional conduct; including, but not limited to, willful acts, negligence and conduct likely to deceive, defraud or harm the public or engaged in such conduct  
Action: License placed on Probation for one year; must work under the supervision of an approved supervising licensed marital and family therapist; must complete continuing education; and assessed case costs

**BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

Licensee: Ellen Wilson, Unlicensed, Etheridge, TN  
Violation: Violation or attempted violation, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any provision of this chapter or any lawful order of the board issued pursuant thereto, or any criminal statute of the State of Tennessee; unlicensed practice of psychology  
Action: Assessed \$10,000 in civil penalties and assessed case costs

**BOARD OF RESPIRATORY CARE**

Licensee: Tiffany Stubblefield, CRT, Morristown, TN  
Violation: Practicing on lapsed license  
Action: Reprimanded; assessed \$500 in civil penalties

**BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Licensee: Timothy Dalpiaz, Unlicensed, Johnson City, TN  
Violation: Practicing without a license; willful or repeated violation of the Board's law or rules  
Action: Application for License Denied

Licensee: Sammy Sanders, Unlicensed, Atoka, TN  
Violation: Practicing without a license  
Action: Ordered to Cease and Desist from the practice of veterinary medicine; assessed \$1,500 in civil penalties

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