

**DISCIPLINARY ACTION REPORT**

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-1-114 requires the Tennessee Department of Health to issue a monthly media release listing all disciplinary actions taken by the health related boards during the prior month. Below is a list of actions taken in March of 2019. *Detailed information about disciplinary actions is available on our website at <https://apps.health.tn.gov/Licensure/default.aspx>. Enter the name of the person. When the license information comes up, click either "disciplinary action" or "adverse licensure action" in the right column.*

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**BOARD OF DENTISTRY**

Licensee: \*Alexis Nava, Applicant, Jackson  
Violation: Guilty of criminal conviction  
Action: Initial license granted and placed on probation to run concurrent with criminal probationary period.  
*\*Delayed posting from January, 2019*

**BOARD OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Licensee: Rasul Talib Abdullah, Paramedic, Memphis  
Violation: Guilty of domestic assault – threat of bodily harm.  
Action: License place on probation for no less than 2 years.

Licensee: Michael Joseph Balius, Paramedic, McKenzie  
Violation: Failed random urinary drug screen.  
Action: License suspended pending evaluation and monitoring agreement then to be placed on probation for no less than 3 years.

Licensee: Abigayl Paulina Beason, EMT, Kingston  
Violation: Failed pre-employment urinary drug screen.  
Action: License suspended pending evaluation and monitoring agreement then to be placed on probation for no less than 3 years.

Licensee: Brandon Christopher Boone, EMT, Memphis  
Violation: Failed random urinary drug screen.  
Action: License suspended pending evaluation and monitoring agreement then to be placed on probation for no less than 3 years.

Licensee: John C. Clark, AEMT, Humboldt  
Violation: Guilty of submitting false forms and evaluations regarding clinical work completed for the paramedic program. Making false statements or representations, being guilty of fraud or deceit in obtaining authorization. Making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in any patient records or in the records of any ambulance service, health care facility, school, institution or other work place location. Engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of emergency medical care.  
Action: License is revoked

- Licensee: Randy L. Davidson, Paramedic, Crossville  
Violation: Guilty of diversion of controlled substances and falsification of Controlled Substance Administration forms. Pled guilty to 2 misdemeanor charges of theft and a felony charge of forgery and misconduct. Making false statements or representations, being guilty of fraud or deceit in obtaining authorization. Making false or materially incorrect or inconsistent entries in any patient records or in the records of any ambulance service, health care facility, school, institution or other work place location. Unauthorized use or removal of narcotics, drugs, supplies or equipment from any ambulance, health care facility, school, institution or other work place location. Engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of emergency medical care.  
Action: License is voluntarily revoked
- Licensee: Morgan R. Delaney, Paramedic, Loudon  
Violation: Guilty of allowing a law enforcement officer to perform emergency care techniques without proper permission, license, certification, training, medical direction or otherwise engage in unethical practices or conduct. Assigning a person to perform functions contrary to this part or rules and regulations of the board.  
Action: License is reprimanded; assigned additional continuing education.
- Licensee: William Randall England, EMT, Hermitage  
Violation: Guilty of being involved in a traffic accident while on duty. Failed urinary drug screen.  
Action: License suspended pending evaluation and monitoring agreement then to be placed on probation for no less than 3 years.
- Licensee: Michael Shayne Gardner, Paramedic, Springfield  
Violation: Guilty of second offense DUI and probation violation. Habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs, or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substance, controlled substance analogues, or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the delivery, performance or activities in the care of the patients requiring medical care. Engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of emergency medical care.  
Action: License is voluntarily surrendered
- Licensee: James Malcolm Harrold, Paramedic, Millington  
Violation: Guilty of sexual battery with Shelby County Criminal Court.  
Action: License is voluntarily surrendered
- Licensee: Mark Conrad Hodges, Paramedic, Lexington, Kentucky  
Violation: Guilty of controlled substance diversion and out of state licenses disciplined. Habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs, or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substance, controlled substance analogues, or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the delivery, performance or activities in the care of the patients requiring medical care. Unauthorized use or removal of narcotics, drugs, supplies, or equipment from any ambulance, health care facility, school, institution, or other work place location. Engaging in acts of dishonesty which relate to the practice of emergency medical care.

Action: License is voluntarily surrendered (revoked)

Licensee: Lynn Campbell Jackson, AEMT, Hampshire  
Violation: Guilty of being involved in a traffic accident while on duty transporting a patient. Failed urinary drug screen.  
Action: License suspended pending evaluation and monitoring agreement then to be placed on probation for no less than 3 years.

Licensee: Gary Stephen Jones, Paramedic, Millington  
Violation: Failed pre-employment urinary drug screen.  
Action: License suspended pending evaluation and monitoring agreement then to be placed on probation for no less than 3 years.

Licensee: Ashley Brooks Kent, EMT, Morristown  
Violation: Failed random drug screen.  
Action: License suspended pending monitoring agreement and then to be placed on probation for no less than 3 years.

Licensee: Steven Kyle Ratledge, AEMT, Soddy Daisy  
Violation: Pled guilty to possession of heroin and driving under the influence in criminal court. Habitual intoxication or personal misuse of any drugs, or the use of intoxicating liquors, narcotics, controlled substance, controlled substance analogues, or other drugs or stimulants in such manner as to adversely affect the delivery, performance or activities in the care of the patients requiring medical care.  
Action: License is revoked

Licensee: Gary L. Smith, Paramedic, Madisonville  
Violation: Failed to take appropriate action in safeguarding the patient from incompetent health care practices of emergency medical services personnel.  
Action: License is reprimanded; assigned additional continuing education.

### **BOARD OF LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS**

Licensee: Kasim W. Barnes, LPC Antioch  
Violation: Guilty of attempting to adopt a client under Respondent's counseling in violation of professional code of ethics to avoid harm and maintain boundaries. 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 reprimanded with terms of continuing education in boundaries and ethics; assessed civil penalty of \$500.00 plus costs not to exceed \$500.00

Licensee: Ronald Allen Peaks, III, LPC-MHSP, Nashville  
Violation: Guilty of working while under the influence. Unable to perform required crisis intervention duties and failure of urine drug screen.  
Action: License is suspended pending a substance abuse evaluation; assessed costs of the cause not to exceed \$1,000.00

Licensee: Stacie E. Putman-Yoquelet, LPC, LaVergne  
Violation: Guilty of disclosing confidential information through public social media. Failure to protect the confidential information of prospective and current clients. Guilty of disclosing information without appropriate consent or without sound legal or ethical justification.  
Action: License is suspended (180 days), then shall be placed on probation for not less than one year; acquire practice monitoring; complete specified continuing education hours; assessed costs of the cause not to exceed \$1,000.00

### **BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

Licensee: Christopher Lawrence Calendine, MD Rogersville  
Violation: Conviction of a felony, conviction of any offense under state or federal laws relative to drugs or the practice of medicine, conviction of any offense involving moral turpitude or conviction of any offense for which the person is required to register as a sexual offender or violent sexual offender pursuant to title 40, chapter 39, part 2[.] Respondent prescribed controlled substances and failed to create a medical record of prescriptions.  
Action: License voluntarily surrendered which has the same effect as revocation; assessed case costs not to exceed \$10,000.00

Licensee: Jeffrey A. Campbell, M.D., Louisville, Kentucky  
Violation: Respondent's medical license was suspended by the Commonwealth of Kentucky for knowingly and intentionally distributing and unlawfully dispensing Schedule II, III and IV controlled substances. Disciplinary action against a person licensed to practice medicine by another state or territory of the United States for any acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for discipline of a person licensed in this state.  
Action: License voluntarily surrendered; assessed costs of the cause not to exceed \$3,000.00

Licensee: Shannon M. Finch, M.D., Bristol, Virginia  
Violation: Respondent's medical license was revoked by the Virginia Board of Medicine for engaging in sexual contact for his sexual arousal or gratification with patients and was arrested and charged with attempted forcible sodomy, a felony; and sexual battery, a Class 1 misdemeanor. Disciplinary action against a person licensed to practice medicine by another state or territory of the United States for any acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for discipline of a person licensed in this state.  
Action: License revoked; assessed costs of the cause not to exceed \$3,000.00

Licensee: Clary P. Foote, MD, Harriman  
Violation: Guilty of violation of Board Order of November 16, 2016. Respondent has not complied with the requirements of the practice monitoring in regard to notifying monitor and submitting CSMD documentation.  
Action: License probation extended for one year; assessed costs of the cause not to exceed \$2,000.00

Licensee: Ben High, MD, Columbia  
Violation: Guilty of supervising licensee with a lapsed license  
Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty of \$4,000.00 plus costs of the cause not to exceed \$2,000.00

Licensee: Louis Cass Huesmann, II, M.D., Franklin  
Violation: Guilty of unlawful distribution or dispensing of a controlled substance.  
Action: License reprimanded and permanently retired; DEA license voluntarily and permanently retired; Assessed costs not to exceed \$4,500.00

Licensee: Denny M. Schoch, M.D., Chattanooga  
Violation: Guilty of "repeated acts and/or omissions constituting negligence in the care and treatment: of five patients. Disciplinary action against a person licensed to practice medicine by another state or territory of the United States for any acts or omissions that would constitute grounds for discipline of a person licensed in this state.  
Action: License placed on probation for no less than 2 years and until Respondent's California probation has been lifted; assessed civil penalty of \$500.00 plus costs of the cause not to exceed \$2,000.00

Licensee: Brian Waggoner, MD, Cookeville  
Violation: Respondent engaged in unprofessional, dishonorable, or unethical conduct; Respondent was guilty of gross health care liability or a pattern of continued or repeated health care liability, ignorance, negligence or incompetence; Respondent was guilty of dispensing, prescribing or other distributing a controlled substance or other drug not in the course of professional practice, or not in good faith to relieve pain and suffering, or not to cure an ailment, physical infirmity or disease, or in amounts and/or for durations not medically necessary, advisable or justified for a diagnosed condition; Respondent was guilty of dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing to any person a controlled substance or other drug if such a person was addicted to using controlled substances without making a bona fide effort to cure the habit of such patient; Respondent was guilty of prescribing a drug in violation of Rule 0880-02-.14(7)(a).  
Action: License placed on probation for not less than 3 years; prohibited from prescribing controlled substances until a preapproved practice monitoring agreement is obtained; shall maintain practice monitoring for a period of at least 2 years and shall comply with all recommendations of the monitoring agreement. Attend Board ordered continuing education courses through Vanderbilt and Case Western; and obtain a clinical competence evaluation and report within 6 months of the Order. Assessed with civil penalty of \$7,000.00 plus costs not to exceed \$100,000.00

### **BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS X-RAY OPERATORS**

Licensee: Ashley Baker, ADMX, Columbia  
Violation: Guilty of practicing as a medical x-ray operator on an expired certificate.  
Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty of \$1,900.00 plus costs of the cause not to exceed \$2,000.00

Licensee: Stephanie Sulfridge, ADMX, Sevierville  
Violation: Guilty of practicing as a medical x-ray operator on an expired certificate.  
Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty of \$2,000.00 plus costs of the cause not to exceed \$2,000.00

Licensee: Staci White, ADMX, Harrison  
Violation: Guilty of practicing as a medical x-ray operator on an expired certificate.  
Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty of \$2,100.00 plus costs of the cause not to exceed \$2,000.00

Licensee: Joe Woody, ADMX, Collierville  
Violation: Guilty of practicing as a medical x-ray operator on an expired certificate.  
Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty of \$600.00 plus costs of the cause not to exceed \$2,000.00

### **BOARD OF OSTEOPATHIC EXAMINATION**

Licensee: Susy L. Vergot, DO, Chattanooga  
Violation: Guilty of unprofessional, dishonorable or unethical conduct including health care liability; obtaining personal compensation or financial gain for an employer by the use of a fraudulent diagnosis; therapy or treatment; dispensing, prescribing or otherwise distributing any controlled substance not in the course of professional practice; writing prescriptions for beneficiaries who resided in states where she did not have a license to practice medicine and failing to maintain medical records regarding all beneficiaries of controlled substance prescriptions.  
Action: License placed on probation; complete the Professional/Problem Based Ethics Program provided by Center for Personalized Education for Physicians; obtain practice monitoring for a period of 1 year (4 quarterly reports); assessed costs not to exceed \$3,000.00

### **BOARD OF PHARMACY**

Licensee: Gregory Goodine, RT, Cleveland  
Violation: Respondent allegedly diverted alprazolam from Walgreens without permission or authorization from a prescriber to remove the tablets. Respondent violated the following laws: It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to possess, sell, barter or give away any drug known as legend drugs, as defined in Sec. 53-10-101, except upon the written prescription of a duly licensed physician, certified physician's assistant, nurse authorized pursuant to Sec. 63-6-204 or Sec. 63-9-113, who is rendering service under the supervision, control and responsibility of a licensed physician, and who meets the requirements pursuant to Sec. 63-7-123, a dentist, an optometrist authorized pursuant to Sec. 63-8-102(12), or a veterinarian, and compounded or dispensed by a duly registered pharmacist. It is unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to obtain or attempt to obtain a legend drug, or to procure to attempt to procure the administration of a legend drug, by fraud, deceit, misrepresentation, subterfuge, forgery, alteration of a prescription, by the concealment of a material fact, or by the use of a false name or address. It is unlawful for any person to have in such person's possession, any drug herein defined or enumerated, without the same having been prescribed by a duly

licensed physician, certified physician assistant, dentist, optometrist authorized pursuant to Sec. 63-8-102(12), or veterinarian, and having been dispensed by a pharmacy duly licensed and registered in this state, unless such person was a resident of another state and had the prescription therefore filled by a duly licensed and registered pharmacists of such other state. It is unlawful for any person knowingly or intentionally to: Acquire or obtain, or attempt to acquire or attempt to obtain, possession of a controlled substance by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception or subterfuge. Engaging in conduct prohibited or made unlawful by any of the provisions of parts 2-5 of this chapter or any other laws of the state or of the United States relating to drugs or to the practice of pharmacy. Been guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical or unprofessional conduct.

Action: License voluntarily surrendered (revoked)

Licensee: Kristen Caroline Grigsby, D.PH, Morristown

Violation: While on site at McFarland Apothecary, Board of Pharmacy investigators discovered a non-pharmacist possessed a key which allowed access to McFarland Apothecary's pharmacy department. Respondent served as PIC of McFarland Apothecary. Respondent claims to have performed an investigation regarding key access (when she was named PIC) and was not alerted as to who possessed keys. Respondent violated the following laws: Keys or other access devices to the physical barriers shall be subject to the following standards: Only pharmacists practicing at the pharmacy and pharmacists authorized by the pharmacist in charge shall be in possession of any keys or other access devices.

Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty of \$1,000.00

Licensee: Brittany Nicole Kirby, D.PH, Corryton

Violation: While on site at McFarland Pharmacy, Board of Pharmacy investigators discovered a non-pharmacist possessed a key which allowed access to McFarland Pharmacy's pharmacy department. Respondent served as PIC of McFarland Pharmacy. Respondent claims to have performed an investigation regarding key access (when she was named PIC) and was not alerted as to who possessed keys. Respondent violated the following laws: Keys or other access devices to the physical barriers shall be subject to the following standards: Only pharmacists practicing at the pharmacy and pharmacists authorized by the pharmacist in charge shall be in possession of any keys or other access devices.

Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty of \$1,000.00

Licensee: McFarland Apothecary, Morristown

Violation: Pharmacy owner, a non-pharmacist possessed a key that enabled him to access the pharmacy department of McFarland Apothecary which caused McFarland Apothecary to be in violation of the following law: Keys or other access devices to the physical barriers shall be subject to the following standards: Only pharmacists practicing at the pharmacy and pharmacists authorized by the pharmacist in charge shall be in possession of any keys or other access devices.

Action: License reprimanded; assessed case costs not to exceed \$1,000.00

Licensee: McFarland Pharmacy, Morristown

Violation: Pharmacy owner, a non-pharmacist possessed a key that enabled him to access the pharmacy department of the McFarland Pharmacy which caused McFarland Pharmacy to be in violation of the following law: Keys or other access devices to the physical barriers shall be subject to the following standards: Only pharmacists

practicing at the pharmacy and pharmacists authorized by the pharmacist in charge shall be in possession of any keys or other access devices.

Action: License reprimanded; assessed case costs not to exceed \$1,000.00

Licensee: Dionne Mitchell, RT, Nashville

Violation: Guilty of alleged diversion of a controlled substance. Been guilty of dishonorable, immoral, unethical or unprofessional conduct.

Action: License voluntarily surrendered (revoked)

### **POLYSOMNOGRAPHY PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Licensee: Karleigh Brianne Burnes, PSGP, Memphis

Violation: Guilty of practicing as a polysomnographic Technologist on an expired license.

Action: License reprimanded; assessed civil penalty of \$1,320.00 plus costs of the cause not to exceed \$800.00

### **ABUSE REGISTRY**

Name: Karen Blessing  
Abuse: Exploitation  
Profession: Not Provided

Name: Silvia Bourn  
Abuse: Misappropriation  
Profession: Caregiver

Name: Gloria Cox  
Abuse: Misappropriation  
Profession: Caregiver

Name: Bobby Charles Gosnell  
Abuse: Physical, Neglect  
Profession: Direct Support Professional

Name: Irmon Jones  
Abuse: Exploitation  
Profession: Caregiver

Name: Hannah Martin  
Abuse: Misappropriation  
Profession: Caregiver

Name: Daneshia Miles  
Abuse: Exploitation  
Profession: Caregiver

Name: Theresa D. Owens  
Abuse: Physical  
Profession: Psychiatric Tech and CNA (Revoked)

Name: Laurah Ramsey  
Abuse: Neglect  
Profession: Support Care Manager

Name: Lametra Sanderfer  
Abuse: Physical, Mental  
Profession: House Supervisor

Name: Tamika Nechelle Seagraves  
Abuse: Neglect  
Profession: Not Provided

Name: James Scott Smith  
Abuse: Sexual  
Profession: Not Provided

Name: Ruffin Smith  
Abuse: Physical  
Profession: Caregiver

Name: Kalah Dominique Ward  
Abuse: Physical/Neglect  
Profession: Direct Support Staff