

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD: PSYCHOLOGICAL EXAMINERS
CASE NUMBER: 0064423
COMPLAINT MADE BY: Robert Foster
H.H.S. Sanctions Coordinator
COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST: Robert Zeger
27601 S. W. 145th Avenue
Naranja, Florida 33030
REVIEWED BY: WILLIAM M. FURLOW
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: DISMISS (PL 18)

CLOSING ORDER

THE COMPLAINT: Practicing as a psychologist without a license and being convicted of a crime related to the practice of psychology.


THE FACTS: The Department received information from the United States Department of Health and Human Services that the Subject (who does not hold a license in the State of Florida) had been indicted for mail fraud. Apparently Subject had held himself out as a psychologist and had billed Blue Cross/Blue Shield for psychological testing indicating that it had been ordered by physicians, when it had not in fact, been so ordered. Subject was convicted in federal court and placed on probation. Subject is currently complying with the terms of his probation.

Since the Subject is not currently licensed in Florida as a psychologist, the Department lacks jurisdiction to proceed further with administrative action. Since the Subject is on criminal probation, the likelihood of a similar violation in the future is small. Accordingly, the case should be dismissed.

THE LAW: Although there is evidence of a violation of the Psychological Services Practice Act, since the Subject is not licensed in Florida, the Department lacks jurisdiction to proceed further with administrative action.

It is therefore, ORDERED that the complaint be, and the same is hereby DISMISSED.

DONE and ORDERED this 21st day of April, 1986.


FRED ROCHE, Secretary
Department of Professional
Regulation

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