

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD: Medical Examiners  
CASE NUMBER: 0047890  
COMPLAINT MADE BY: Tampa Heights Hospital  
4004 N. Riverside Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33603  
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED: May 11, 1984  
COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST: Stephen H. Groff, M.D.  
916 W. Buffalo Ave.  
Tampa, Florida 33603  
REVIEWED BY: William M. Furlow  
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Dismiss (PL 05)

**CLOSING ORDER**

THE COMPLAINT: Failure to practice with reasonable care and skill.

THE FACTS: The Subject went on vacation for a week without making proper arrangements for another physician to cover his three hospitalized patients. Subject was disciplined by the hospital and has admitted making the error. No harm was done and the patients families knew how to get in touch with the doctor at all times.

THE LAW: Probable cause exists to believe that the Subject violated the Medical Practice Act, however since the violation was minor this case should be dismissed with a letter of guidance.

DONE and ORDERED this 26~~th~~ day of July, 1984.

  
CHAIRMAN, Probable Cause Panel  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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