

STATE OF FLORIDA  
DEPARTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION

BOARD: Medicine  
CASE NUMBER: 0084673  
COMPLAINT MADE BY: M S  
Jacksonville, Florida 32210  
DATE COMPLAINT RECEIVED: May 28, 1987  
COMPLAINT MADE AGAINST: Michael Paul Pruitt, M.D.  
Psychiatric Associates  
1820 Barrs St., Suite 442  
Jacksonville, Florida 32204  
REVIEWED BY: Jonathan King  
STAFF RECOMMENDATION: Close (PL-06)

CLOSING ORDER

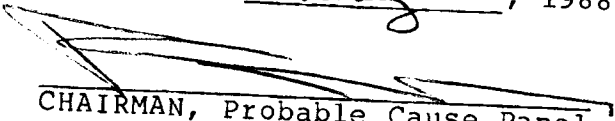
THE COMPLAINT: Complainant alleges that the Subject of the investigation failed to practice medicine with the level of care, skill and treatment found acceptable by a similar reasonable physician by rendering inadequate psychiatric care to the Complainant's daughter.

THE FACTS: Investigation substantiated the allegations in that the Subject did not prescribe medicine to the Complainant's daughter according to the prevailing standard of care. The Complainant took her daughter to see the Subject with a history of bipolar manic depression. The Subject evaluated the patient and recommended lithium therapy. A Department expert opined that the Subject adequately evaluated the patient however, he failed to adequately treat the patient by not prescribing an antidepressant.

THE LAW: Based on the foregoing, there is sufficient evidence to support a finding of probable cause that Subject violated the provisions of Section 458.331(1)(t), Florida Statutes or the rules promulgated thereunder has occurred. However under the circumstances, this will be closed with a Letter of Guidance.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that this matter should be,  
and the same is hereby CLOSED with a Letter of Guidance.

DONE and ORDERED this 23 day of February, 1988.

  
CHAIRMAN, Probable Cause Panel  
Board of Medicine

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