

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)
)
David Arthur Tatum, D.O.,) INTERIM
) NON-PRACTICE AGREEMENT
)
Respondent.)

This matter is before the North Carolina Medical Board ("Board") on information regarding David Arthur Tatum, D.O. ("Dr. Tatum"). Dr. Tatum makes the following admissions and the Board makes the following findings and conclusions:

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

The Board is a body duly organized under the laws of North Carolina and is the proper party to bring this proceeding under the authority granted to it in Article 1 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes and the rules and regulations promulgated thereto.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Tatum was first issued a license to practice medicine by the Board on or about July 25, 2016, license number 2016-01751.

At all times relevant hereto, Dr. Tatum practiced adult and child psychiatry in Charlotte, North Carolina.

On or about June 21, 2022, in United States District Court for the Western District of North Carolina, Dr. Tatum was charged with one count of the following:

"From in or about August 2021, through on or about September 22, 2021, in Mecklenburg County, within the Western District of North Carolina and elsewhere, DAVID TATUM did, and did attempt to, knowingly possess, and access with intent to view, any material that contained an image of child pornography, as defined in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2256(8), and that has been mailed, and shipped and transported using any means and facility of interstate and foreign commerce, and in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer, and that was produced using materials that have been mailed, and shipped and transported in and affecting interstate and foreign commerce by any means, including by computer.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B)."

Dr. Tatum plead not guilty to the criminal charge and was granted pretrial release on June 27, 2022.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Tatum acknowledges that the conduct alleged in the criminal charge, if true, would constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and grounds would exist for the Board to suspend, revoke or limit Dr. Tatum's license or to deny any application he might make in the future.

PROCEDURAL STIPULATIONS

Dr. Tatum acknowledges and agrees that the Board has jurisdiction over him and over the subject matter of this case.

Dr. Tatum acknowledges that he has read and understands this Interim Non-Practice Agreement and enters into it voluntarily.

ORDER

Now, therefore, with Dr. Tatum's consent, it is ORDERED that:

1. Dr. Tatum agrees that he will not practice medicine.
2. This Agreement shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both Dr. Tatum and the Board and it shall remain in effect until the pending criminal charge is resolved or until December 31, 2022, whichever occurs first, unless the parties agree to an extension.
3. Dr. Tatum shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence within ten (10) days of the change.
4. If Dr. Tatum fails to comply with any provision of this Interim Non-Practice Agreement, such failure shall constitute unprofessional conduct within the meaning of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 90-14(a)(6) and shall be grounds, after any required notice and hearing, for the Board to annul, suspend, revoke, condition, or limit Dr. Tatum's medical license or to deny any application he might make in the future or then have pending for a license.


5. Dr. Tatum hereby waives any requirement under any law or rule that this Interim Non-Practice Agreement be served on him.

6. Upon execution by Dr. Tatum and the Board, this Interim Non-Practice Agreement shall become a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the North Carolina General Statutes and shall be subject to public inspection and dissemination pursuant to the provisions thereof. It will be reported to the Federation of State Medical Boards and any other databanks required by law including, but not limited to, the National Practitioner Data Bank.

By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 1st day of July, 2022.

NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

By:


John W. Rusher, M.D., J.D.
President

Consented to this the 1 day of July, 2022.



David Arthur Tatum, D.O.



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