

BEFORE THE
NORTH CAROLINA MEDICAL BOARD

In re:)	
)	
David Arthur Tatum, D.O.,)	AMENDED 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 possession of child pornography.

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

On July 1, 2022, Dr. Tatum and the Board entered into an Interim Non-Practice Agreement. As part of the agreement, Dr. Tatum agreed that he would not practice medicine. The agreement was to remain in place until December 31, 2022 or until the criminal charge was resolved, whichever occurred first.

On November 15, 2022, Dr. Tatum was charged with additional counts, including one count of production of child pornography and one count of transportation of child pornography.

On November 16, 2022, the government filed a Motion for Bond Revocation and Detention.

On November 18, 2022, Dr. Tatum was arraigned on the superseding indictment and entered a plea of not guilty.

The Court then heard arguments by counsel on the Motion for Bond Revocation and Detention. The Court denied the Motion for Bond Revocation and Detention.

On December 7, 2022, Dr. Tatum, through his counsel, submitted an Unopposed Motion to Continue Docket Call/Trial, which was previously scheduled for January 3, 2023.

On December 8, 2022, the Court entered an Order granting the Motion to Continue Docket Call/Trial until March 6, 2023.

While awaiting trial on the charges, Dr. Tatum is being monitored by the United States Probation and Pretrial Services

("probation office"). Dr. Tatum wears an ankle monitor and is under house arrest. Additionally, Dr. Tatum's electronic devices are monitored by the probation office.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Dr. Tatum acknowledges that the conduct alleged in the criminal charges, 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, with the advice of legal counsel, acknowledges that he has read and understands this Amended 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 until such time as he is given permission to do so by the Board President. Until given permission to practice medicine, Dr. Tatum will not serve as the supervising physician for any advanced practice provider including, but not limited to, a nurse practitioner and physician assistant. Further, until given permission to practice

medicine, Dr. Tatum will not own or operate, in whole or in part, any business that practices medicine.

2. Upon an *ex parte* determination of probable cause by the Board that Dr. Tatum has failed to comply with paragraph 1 of this Amended Interim Non-Practice Agreement, that determination, without further showing, shall constitute grounds for the Board to summarily suspend Dr. Tatum's North Carolina medical license pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150-3(c).

3. Dr. Tatum shall obey all laws. Likewise, he shall obey all rules or regulations involving the practice of medicine

4. Dr. Tatum shall notify the Board in writing of any change in his residence or practice addresses within ten (10) days of the change.

5. If Dr. Tatum fails to comply with any provision of this Amended 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.

6. This Amended Interim Non-Practice Agreement shall take effect immediately upon its execution by both he and the Board, and it shall continue in effect until specifically ordered otherwise by the Board.

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

8. Upon execution by Dr. Tatum and the Board, this Amended 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.

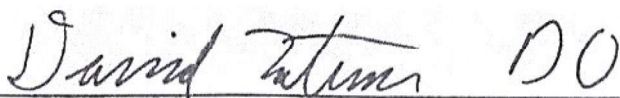
By Order of the North Carolina Medical Board this the 20th day of December, 2022.

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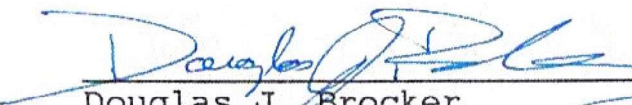
By: 

Michaux R. Kilpatrick, M.D., Ph.D.
President

Consented to this the 19 day of December, 2022.



David Arthur Tatum, D.O.



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