

BEFORE THE
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

In Re: ROBERT RICHARD RATCLIFFE, III, M.D.

NOTICE OF CHARGES
AND ALLEGATIONS

To: Robert Richard Ratcliffe, III, M.D.

You are hereby given notice that the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina has preferred and does hereby prefer against you the following charges and allegations:

1. During a period of time in 1981, you engaged in unprofessional conduct with a female, identified to you as Witness Number 1, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes 90-14(6), during a period of time when she was rendered professional services and advice by you.

2. During a period of time in 1981 you engaged in unprofessional conduct with a female, identified to you as Witness No. 1, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes 90-14(6), after a period of time when she was rendered professional services and advice by you.

3. During a period of time in 1975, you engaged in unprofessional conduct with a female, identified to you as Witness Number 2, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes 90-14(6), during a period of time when she was rendered professional services and advice by you.

4. During a period of time in 1976 and 1977, you engaged in unprofessional conduct with a female identified to you as Witness Number 2, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes 90-14(6), after a period of time when she was rendered professional services and advice by you.

You are further given notice that a hearing concerning the foregoing charges will be held before the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina at the Sheraton Highwoods Hotel, Hwy. U.S. 1 North, Raleigh, North Carolina, on the 13th day of June, 1983, at 1:00 o'clock, p.m., at which time you will be given an opportunity to appear in person and by counsel, to cross-examine witnesses, and to present evidence on your own behalf. In the meantime, you may file a written response to the foregoing charges within thirty (30) days if you so desire.

By order of the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina.

This the 23rd day of March, 1983.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

By: Louis T. Ferron, M.D.
President

ATTEST:

Bryant D. Paris, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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 Number 5, Doctor's Park
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June 6, 1983

Robert Richard Ratcliffe, III, M.D.
Number 5, Doctor's Park
Greenville, NC 27834

Dear Dr. Ratcliffe:

This is to advise that the hearing upon charges presented to you by the Board of Medical Examiners scheduled for June 13th has been continued to a date yet to be determined.

You will receive further notification as to the date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryant D. Paris, Jr.".

Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

BDPjr:kb

cc: Laurence S. Graham
Attorney at Law
Suite 2, Oakmont Professional Offices
Greenville, N.C. 27834

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May 9, 1984

Robert Richard Ratcliffe, III, M.D.
Number 5, Doctor's Park
Greenville, North Carolina 27834

Dear Dr. Ratcliffe:

This is to advise that the hearing upon charges presented to you by the Board of Medical Examiners dated March 23, 1983, has been scheduled for the June, 1984, meeting of the Board.

The hearing will be held on Saturday, June 9, 1984, at 9:00 a.m., at the Sheraton Highwoods Hotel, Highway U.S. 1 North, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryant D. Paris, Jr.".

Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary
NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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cc: Laurence S. Graham
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Michael E. Weddington, Attorney
N.C. Board of Medical Examiners

PS Form 3811, July 1982

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RETURN RECEIPT

BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN RE: ROBERT RICHARD RATCLIFFE, III, M.D.)
Respondent.)

ORDER

THIS MATTER came on for hearing before the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina ("Board") on June 9, 1984 upon a certain "Notice of Charges and Allegations" dated March 23, 1983. Respondent, and counsel on his behalf, appeared at the hearing. Based upon the evidence presented at the hearing, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes Section 90-14(a)(6), with a female identified as Witness Number 1 during a period of time in 1981 when she was rendered professional services and advice by respondent.

2. Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes Section 90-14(a)(6), with a female identified as Witness Number 1 during a period of time in 1981 after she was rendered professional services and advice by respondent.

3. Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes Section 90-14(a)(6), with a female identified as Witness Number 2 during a period of time in 1975 when she was rendered professional services and advice by respondent.

4. Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct, as defined in North Carolina General Statutes Section 90-14(a)(6), with a female identified as Witness Number 2 during a period of time in 1976 and 1977 after she was rendered professional services and advice by respondent.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Grounds exist, under North Carolina General Statutes Section 90-14(a)(6) for the revocation of the license to practice medicine issued to the respondent by the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that respondent's license to practice medicine in North Carolina is hereby revoked, with such revocation suspended upon respondent's compliance with the following conditions:

1. That for a period of five years respondent violate no state or federal law;
2. That respondent abstain from unethical conduct;
3. That respondent abstain from the personal use of mind-altering chemicals unless prescribed by another physician or dentist in the normal course of medical or dental treatment;


4. That respondent obtain psychiatric therapy from a psychiatrist other than Dr. Richard Faw, that such psychiatric therapy continue for a period of at least five years, and that respondent furnish the Board with psychiatric reports annually or on a more frequent basis if so requested by the Board;

5. That respondent appear periodically, as the Board may request, for interviews with the Board.

SO ORDERED.

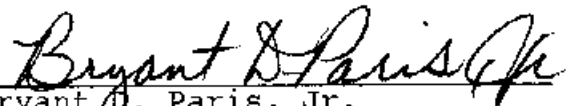
This the 9th day of JULY, 1984.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF
THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



N. T. Pagter, Jr., M.D.
President

ATTEST:



Bryant D. Paris, Jr.
Executive Secretary

PS Form 3811, Oct. 1982

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2. Respondent shall surrender his DEA prescribing privileges for Schedules 2, 2N, 3 and 3N.

3. Respondent shall dispose in accordance with applicable law of all medications classified in Schedules 2, 2N, 3 and 3N which may be in his possession.

4. Respondent shall cooperate with the Board and its representatives in such further monitoring of Respondent's practice as the Board may deem reasonably necessary.

5. On the date Respondent executes this Consent Order, the Board shall issue a temporary license permitting Respondent to practice medicine in North Carolina for a period of one (1) year.

6. On or before April 15, 1990, Respondent shall provide the Board with documentation of completion of at least fifty (50) hours of Category I continuing medical education in the field of psychiatry obtained after the date of this Consent Order.

7. Respondent shall meet informally with the Board during May 1990, at which time the Board shall review twenty (20) patient records of Respondent selected at random by the Board.

8. The failure of Respondent to comply with any of the provisions of this Consent Order shall, after proper notice and hearing, be grounds for disciplinary action by the Board against Respondent including, without limitation, revocation of license.

9. The entry of this Consent Order and the dissemination thereof shall constitute a public record pursuant to Chapter 132 of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

This the 19 day of June, 1989.

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

By: Harold L. Godwin, M.D.
Harold L. Godwin, M.D.
President

ATTEST:

Bryant D. Paris, Jr.
Bryant D. Paris, Jr.
Executive Secretary

I consent to the entry of the foregoing Order.

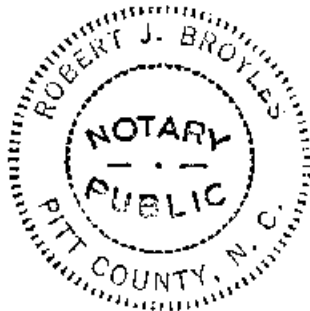
Robert Richard Ratcliffe, III, M.D.
Robert Richard Ratcliffe, III, M.D.

County of Pitt
State of North Carolina

Subscribed before me by Robert Richard Ratcliffe, III, M.D. this 7TH day
of JUNE, 1989.

Robert J. Broyles
Notary Public

My Commission Expires: MARCH 15, 1994



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HAROLD L. GODWIN, M.D., PRESIDENT
FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.



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This certifies that

ROBERT RICHARD RATCLIFFE, III

whose credentials have been examined and found to be satisfactory, is hereby authorized to practice medicine and surgery in the State of North Carolina, under the authority of the State and the regulations of this Board; provided, however, that it is understood that this permission is issued pursuant to the authorization of the Board to the undersigned and in no way obligates the Board of Medical Examiners to continue this authorization to practice medicine beyond the date of June 30, 1990.

This the 19 day of June, 1989.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bryant D. Paris, Jr.".

**Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

TEMPORARY PERMIT NUMBER 4597

SEAL

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS
OF THE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

TO: Bryant D. Paris, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Board of Medical Examiners of
the State of North Carolina

RE: Voluntary Surrender of Medical License

16152

OCT 30 1989

I hereby voluntarily surrender and relinquish to the Board of Medical Examiners of the State of North Carolina my license to practice medicine in the State of North Carolina.

(Check one)

- License certificate attached.
- License certificate to be delivered to the Board of Medical Examiners under separate cover within two weeks from the date below.
- License certificate cannot be located at present, but if subsequently located will be delivered to the Board of Medical Examiners under separate cover.

This the 21ST day of OCTOBER, 1989.

Robert R. Ritchie, III

ROBERT RICHARD RITCHIE, III, M.D.
(Please print name)

WITNESS:

Robert J. Buehler
IMM. NC. BME



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This the 14th day of July, 1990.

Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary

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This the 1st day of December, 1990.

Bryant D. Paris Jr.

Bryant D. Paris, Jr., Executive Secretary

BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA



TO THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 Whereas **Robert Richard Ratcliffe, III**
 # Has applied to us #

The Board of Medical Examiners OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

For admission to practice as a **PHYSICIAN** within the State aforesaid

We do Certify, that he has produced to us sufficient testimonials of his upright character and upon examination before us, is found to possess a competent knowledge of the

SCIENCE OF MEDICINE

to entitle him to our License to practice the same within the limits of the said State.

Given under our hands and seals, at Raleigh, N.C. this 16th
 day of November A.D. 1991

No 16152

Limited to Broughton Hospital and allowing 10 additional hours weekly to either St. Joseph's Outreach Program, Morganton, OR Foothills Mental Health

Bryant D. Paris, Jr.

Bryant D. Paris, Jr. - Exec. Sec.

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| <u>John W. Mason</u> | Member | M.D. [Seal] |
| <u>Kathryn H. Willis</u> | Member | [Seal] |



BOARD ACTION

RATCLIFFE, Robert R.
114 Broughton Hospital
Morganton, NC 28655-0114

1/21/94

BOARD ACTION: (GJ, HG)
1. Issue a full and Unrestricted license