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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DISCIPLINARY  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

SHAWN G. LARSON, M.D.  
RESPONDENT.

Case No. LS0003233ME

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FINAL DECISION AND ORDER  
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The parties to this action for the purposes of § 227.53, Stats., are:

*Shawn G. Larson, M.D.*  
*203 Depot St.*  
*Chaseburg, WI 54621*

*Wisconsin Medical Examining Board*  
*P.O. Box 8935*  
*Madison, WI 53708-8935*

*Department of Regulation and Licensing*  
*Division of Enforcement*  
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The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final decision of this matter, subject to the approval of the Medical Examining Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Shawn G. Larson, M.D., Respondent, date of birth July 25, 1971, is licensed and currently registered, to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin, by the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board pursuant to license number 40180, which was first granted August 7, 1998.
2. Respondent's last address reported to the Department of Regulation and Licensing is 3629 Napoli Lane, Middleton, WI 53562. However, Respondent has told an investigator from the Department that his current address is 203 Depot Street, Chaseburg, Wisconsin, 54621.
3. Respondent was a resident in the University of Wisconsin Medical School Psychiatric Residency Program in Madison, Wisconsin from June 24, 1996, until he was terminated from the program on May 24, 1999.
4. Respondent shared an office with Dr. A, another psychiatric resident, during the time mentioned below.
5. From August, 1998, to mid-March, 1999:

a. Dr. A received several messages on her pager at work to return telephone calls to specified numbers (emergency rooms, Mental Health Center of Dane County, Veterans Administration Hospital, etc.). Upon calling those numbers, Dr. A found that the places she was calling had not requested that she call.

b. Dr. A received several voice mail messages at her office to return telephone calls to specified numbers (emergency rooms, Mental Health Center of Dane County, Veterans Administration Hospital, etc.). Upon calling those numbers, Dr. A found that the places she was calling had not requested that she call.

c. Dr. A received several messages on her pager, while on call at home, to return telephone calls to specified numbers (emergency rooms, Mental Health Center of Dane County, Veterans Administration Hospital, etc.) .). Upon calling those numbers, Dr. A found that the places she was calling had not requested that she call.

d. Dr. A received 3 or 4 voice mail messages at her office, which sounded like "heavy breathing" and "scratching".

e. Respondent was the person who inappropriately left the pager and voice mail messages for Dr. A.

6. Beginning in the early part of October, 1998 Respondent, on several occasions, inappropriately removed and shredded patient records which Dr. A had dictated and which had been transcribed and placed in Dr. A's departmental mailbox for her to proof, edit and sign.

7. Most of the shredded records were ultimately replaced by finding duplicates maintained in the transcription process. However, duplicate records of two patients could not be located and the patients had to be re-interviewed.

8. Because patient records continued to disappear from Dr. A's mailbox the University Department of Police and Security installed a concealed surveillance video camera in the departmental mailroom on March 26, 1999.

9. The videotapes recorded on that video camera show Respondent removing items from Dr. A's mailbox and then going to the shredder on three separate occasions. They also show Respondent shifting and removing various papers from several other psychiatric residents' mailboxes.

10. On April 27, 1999, the Director of the University of Wisconsin Medical School Psychiatric Residency Program, and others met with Respondent and informed him that he had been videotaped removing patient records from other psychiatric residents' mailboxes and shredding them. When asked why he had done this, Respondent stated that it was "a little bit of mischief" and he did not mean any harm to anyone. During that meeting, Respondent neither admitted nor denied leaving inappropriate page messages and telephone messages for Dr. A.

11. On April 27, 1999, Respondent was immediately suspended from his status as a resident in the University of Wisconsin Medical School Psychiatric Residency Program. The following day, Respondent was terminated from the program.

12. Respondent has not practiced medicine or surgery since April 27, 1999.

13. At the request of the Division of Enforcement, Respondent, at his own expense, was psychiatrically evaluated by Dr. Linda K. Cuning, a Madison, Wisconsin psychiatrist who was approved by the Division and the case advisor, who is a psychiatrist.

14. In the report of evaluation, dated March 1, 2000, Dr. Cuning expresses her opinion that it is unlikely that Respondent will ever again engage in conduct, similar to that described above. Dr. Cuning also opines in the report that Respondent does not suffer from any pathology which prevents him from practicing with reasonable skill and safety to patients.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to

§ 448.02(3), Stats.

2. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has authority to enter into this stipulated resolution of this matter pursuant to § 227.44(5), Stats.

3. The Respondent's conduct, as described above, tends to constitute a danger to the health, welfare, or safety of patients or public, and constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined by § 448.02(3), Stats. and Wis. Adm. Code § MED 10.02(2)(h).

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Shawn G. Larson, M.D. is REPRIMANDED for the conduct set out above.

The rights of a party aggrieved by this Decision to petition the Board for rehearing and to petition for judicial review are set forth on the attached "Notice of Appeal Information".

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin this 23rd day of March, 2000.

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Darold A. Treffert, M.D.

Secretary

Medical Examining Board