

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
ROYACE DAVIS, D.D.S.	*	STATE BOARD
License No. 11977	*	OF DENTAL EXAMINERS
Respondent	*	Board Case Numbers:
	*	08-244, 08-257, 08-271, 08-275
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**FINAL ORDER OF REVOCATION
OF THE RESPONDENT'S DENTIST'S LICENSE**

On October 13, 2010, the Board of Dental Examiners (the "Board"), notified Royace Davis, D.D.S., the Respondent, of its Intent to Revoke her dental license. The Notice also informed the Respondent that, unless she requested a hearing in writing within 30 days of receipt of said Notice, the Board would sign a Final Order. More than 30 days has elapsed and the Respondent failed to timely request a hearing. Therefore, this revocation is final.

The basis for the Board's action was pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act (the "APA"), Md. State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-226(c) (1) (2004 Repl. Vol.) and the Maryland Dental Examiners Act, codified at Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 4-101, et seq., ("the Act") (2009 Repl. Vol.).

The pertinent provision of § 10-226(c)(1) of the APA states:

Revocation of suspension. (sic)—(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a unit may not revoke or suspend a license unless the unit first gives the licensee:

- (i) written notice of the facts that warrant suspension or revocation; and,
- (ii) an opportunity to be heard.

The pertinent provisions of § 4-315 the Act state:

§ 4-315. Denials, reprimands, probations, suspensions, and revocations - Grounds.

(a) *License to practice dentistry.*- Subject to the hearing provisions of § 4-318 of this subtitle, the Board may deny a general license to practice dentistry, a limited license to practice dentistry, or a teacher's license to practice dentistry to any applicant, reprimand any licensed dentist, place any licensed dentist on probation, or suspend or revoke the license of any licensed dentist, if the applicant or licensee:

- (2) Fraudulently or deceptively uses a license;
- (3) Obtains a fee by fraud or attempts to obtain a fee by fraud;
- (16) Behaves dishonorably or unprofessionally, or violates a professional code of ethics pertaining to the dentistry profession [;].

FACTS THAT WARRANT THE REVOCATION OF THE RESPONDENT'S LICENSE

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was licensed by the Board to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed on October 20, 1995. The Respondent's license expired on June 30, 2009.

2. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent's primary practice location, as registered with the Board, was 6188 Oxon Hill Road, Suite 604, Oxon Hill, Maryland.

3. The Board received four complaints from patients A, B, C and D¹ which all stated that they paid the Respondent money to perform dental procedures, but the Respondent took their money, failed to perform the work, closed her office, and abandoned the patients. Neither the patients nor the Board could contact the Respondent, despite numerous attempts. The Respondent failed to return the patients' monies.

¹ Patients' names are confidential.

4. As set forth above, the Respondent's license should be revoked as the Respondent violated the Act.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Facts, the Board concludes that the Respondent violated its Act and that the revocation is warranted, pursuant to § 4-315 and § 10-226 (c) (1) of the APA.

NOTICE OF RIGHT OF APPEAL

In accordance with Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 4-319 (2009 Repl. Vol.) and the Administrative Procedure Act, Md. State Govt. Code Ann. § 10-201, *et seq.*, (2009 Repl. Vol.) you have a right to a direct judicial appeal of this decision. A petition for appeal of the Final Board Order shall be filed within thirty days from your receipt of this Final Order and shall be made in accordance with the *aforecited* authority.

12-6-10
Date



Laurie Sheffield-James, Executive Director
Board of Dental Examiners