

## 2004 Press Releases

**Friday, September 10, 2004**

### **Medical Board Suspends License of Rick A. Boyles, M.D.**

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners suspended the license of Rick Allen Boyles, M.D., license number J6345, after determining that Dr. Boyles' continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Thursday under the Board's authority, granted by S.B. 104 of the 78th Legislature, to suspend or restrict a physician's license without notice when it determines the physician's continuation in practice would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspension is effective immediately.

The action was based on the findings that on August 20, Dr. Boyles and his wife were using cocaine, and his wife died of an overdose. Dr. Boyles admitted to the drug use and confessed to cleaning up the house before the police arrived. The confession was videotaped. Dr. Boyles practiced in Baytown.

A length of a temporary suspension is indefinite and remains in effect until the board takes further action.

*The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners, the state agency that regulates physicians, physician assistants, surgical assistants and acupuncturists, provides consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action. The Board, under President Lee S. Anderson, M.D., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior.*

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