

## 2002 Press Releases

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### **Houston Physician Granted Temporary Restraining Order on Board's Suspension**

Armando Sanchez G., M.D., the Houston physician whose license was temporarily suspended on June 13, was granted a temporary restraining order on June 18. The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners may not enforce its suspension of Dr. Sanchez G.'s license for at least 14 days and must appear in Travis County District Court on July 1 to show cause why Dr. Sanchez should not be issued a temporary injunction and stay on the board's order.

Dr. Sanchez G, a Houston physician specializing in occupational medicine, pled nolo contendere to first-degree felony charges of solicitation of capital murder in the 209th District Court in Harris County. The intended victim of the murder was one of Dr. Sanchez G's patients. In temporarily suspending the doctor's license, the board's disciplinary panel determined that his continued practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare.

In the temporary restraining order, District Judge Lora Livingston found that the plaintiff, Dr. Sanchez G., would suffer "irreparable injury" if the board was not restrained immediately from enforcing its order.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners is the state agency that regulates physicians, providing consumer protection through licensure, investigation and disciplinary action.

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