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Physician Assistant Board Suspends License of PA Donald Hammock

A panel of the Texas Physician Assistant Board temporarily suspended the license of Donald Hammock, license #PA01409, of Dallas, after determining that Mr. Hammock's continuation in practice as a physician assistant presents a real danger to the health of his patients and to the public due to his lack of competence, impaired status, or failure to care adequately for his patients.

The action was based on the following allegations: that Mr. Hammock created numerous fictitious entries in patient charts to coincide with narcotic prescriptions he had previously ordered under these patients' names; that he wrote or ordered narcotic prescriptions not approved by his supervising physician; that he ordered excessive amounts of controlled medications for five patients; and that on at least eight occasions he instructed a clinic employee to call in Xanax prescriptions for him. Mr. Hammock was involved in a vehicular accident on December 27, 2005, and was charged with driving while intoxicated. He was admitted to Richardson Medical Center for alcohol abuse in March and April.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Thursday, July 27, and the suspension was effective immediately. The length of a temporary suspension order is indefinite but it remains in effect until the board takes further action.