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## Medical Board Temporarily Suspends License of Lundy Cavender Jr., M.D., of Fort Worth

On June 2, 2010, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended the medical license of Lundy Eldridge Cavender, Jr., M.D., Lic. No. H7711, of Fort Worth, after determining that Dr. Cavender's continuation in the practice of medicine would constitute a continuing threat to the public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The temporary suspension was based on Dr. Cavender's inability to practice with reasonable skill and safety to patients as a result of illness or as a result of a mental or physical condition; unprofessional conduct; behaving in a disruptive manner toward medical personnel or others that interferes with patient care or could be reasonably expected to adversely impact the quality of care given to a patient.

The evidence included testimony that Dr. Cavender, who is a pediatrician, repeatedly masturbated in the presence of two female office employees.

As a result of these actions, a police report was filed with the Tarrant County Police Department alleging indecent exposure. Currently, there is an outstanding warrant for his arrest for indecent exposure.

Additional evidence regarding Dr. Cavender's mental fitness was presented, including evidence of two attempted suicides and other unresolved psychiatric conditions.

An Informal Show Compliance Proceeding will be held shortly. At this hearing, Board representatives will consider whether to lift the suspension or take other action on Dr. Cavender's license. The suspension is in force until superseded by a subsequent order of the Board.

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