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Medical Board Suspends License of Roby Dean Mitchell, M.D.

A panel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners temporarily suspended the license of Roby Dean Mitchell, M.D., license #H4560, of Amarillo, after determining that Dr. Mitchell's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on Dr. Mitchell's failure to comply with his Agreed Order dated April 14, 2003, which required that he have his patient records monitored by another physician. At a Show Compliance Proceeding on September 10, Dr. Mitchell informed the Board that he did not have a monitor and had no intention of complying with the Agreed Order. The 2003 order also required that Dr. Mitchell cooperate with his compliance officer, and he informed his compliance officer he would not allow unannounced compliance visits to his practice and that he is not concerned about the Board and its rules.

The panel's decision was based on the fact that unless Dr. Mitchell's practice can be monitored and unless he cooperates with his compliance officer, the Board cannot confirm that he is competent and is caring adequately for his patients. As a result the panel found that Dr. Mitchell is a real danger to the health of his patients or the public.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Wednesday, October 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.

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