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**Medical Board Suspends License of Michael Lee Williams, M.D., of Palestine**

A panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended the license of Michael Lee Williams, M.D., license #H5995, of Palestine, after determining that Dr. Williams continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on the following: Dr. Williams was arrested and charged with assault/family violence on March 6 and May 29, 2006. He pled guilty to charges of assault/family violence on October 13. Dr. Williams has also been arrested and charged with prescription fraud.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Wednesday, January 10, 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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The Texas Medical Board, 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 Roberta M. Kalafut, D.O., and Executive Director Donald W. Patrick, M.D., J.D., and mandated by Senate Bill 104 of the 78th Legislature and S.B. 419 of the 79th Legislature, is strengthening and accelerating the disciplinary process for licensees who fail to meet the required standards of professional proficiency and behavior. Information on filing a complaint is on the agency web site at [www.tmb.state.tx.us](http://www.tmb.state.tx.us) or by calling (800) 201-9353.

