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Press Release**

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Board suspends El Paso physician Mauricio Jimenez, M.D.

On Monday, June 27, 2011, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board held a Temporary Suspension Hearing Without Notice and suspended the license of Mauricio Ernesto Jimenez, M.D., Lic. No. J9720, of El Paso after determining that Dr. Jimenez poses a continuing threat and real danger to patients and the public due to Dr. Jimenez's lack of competence, impaired status or failure to care adequately for his patients.

The suspension went into effect immediately.

During a June 9, 2011 investigation at Dr. Jimenez's office, investigators found more than 100 bottles of prescription medications issued in the names of various patients in and around his office and in his personal desk drawer.

Dr. Jimenez admitted to pre-signing prescriptions and 194 pre-signed prescriptions were found in the office.

In addition, an employee said Dr. Jimenez would write prescriptions for her and her son and give her cash to fill the prescriptions with the understanding that she would hand the drugs over to Dr. Jimenez.

The employee also reported that Dr. Jimenez warned he would physically hurt her if he lost his DEA certificate that allowed him to prescribe controlled substances.

This Order remains in effect until the Board takes further action.

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