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TMB suspends Houston physician

On June 11, 2015, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas medical license of Dennis Patrick Meehan Hughes, M.D., after determining his continuation in the practice of medicine poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that on June 5, 2015, a search warrant was executed on Dr. Hughes' residence. During the execution of the search warrant, law enforcement officers found a computer and thumb drives that contained child pornography. One thumb drive was accessed on site, and was found to contain approximately 8,200 files, the majority of which appeared to be child pornography.

Dr. Hughes was interviewed during the execution of the search warrant. He admitted to possessing and viewing child pornography since the late 1990s. Dr. Hughes was arrested and charged with receipt and possession of child pornography in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas.

Based on the findings, the Board panel finds a continuing threat to the public health, safety, or welfare that requires immediate effect of an Order of Temporary Suspension.

A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Dr. Hughes, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Dr. Hughes.

The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

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