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Medical Board Suspends License of Ronald Salmond, M.D., of Austin

A panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended the license of Ronald Salmond, M.D., license #G3758, of Austin, after determining that Dr. Salmond's continuation in the practice of medicine presents a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The action was based on the following information: Dr. Salmond is alleged to have pulled a gun on three people outside an Austin motel in June, 2005, after which he was arrested and charged with deadly conduct. This criminal matter remains pending. In June, 2006, Dr. Salmond wrote numerous prescriptions for drugs such as Xanax, Seconal, oxycodone and promethazine with codeine for no fewer than nine persons, using a prescription pad from a former employer. In August, 2006, Dr. Salmond received "field release citations" from Austin police for possession of drug paraphernalia, which later tested positive for traces of cocaine. He was reported missing during this time; however, when police responded to a "suspicious persons" call involving two men who were reportedly doing drugs in a car, the car was identified as belonging to Dr. Salmond. He was located in an apartment and said he did not wish to be contacted, so the missing persons report was recalled. Dr. Salmond is now believed to be homeless, with a significant substance abuse problem and possible mental health issues.

The temporary suspension hearing took place Wednesday 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.

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 or by calling (800) 201-9353.