

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF  
EARNEST O. BALLARD, D.D.S.

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW, AND ORDER

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 1979, the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners conducted a hearing in the above-styled matter to determine whether the respondent, Ernest O. Ballard, D.D.S., a licensed dentist in the State of Arkansas, was guilty of violation of the following sections of the Arkansas Dental Practice Act, Ark. Stat. Ann. §72-560(7) (Supp. 1977). All Board members were present and represented by Robert R. Ross, Deputy Attorney General. The respondent, Ernest O. Ballard, D.D.S., was present and represented by counsel, William I. Prewett.

From all matters presented and argument of counsel, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

I.

FINDINGS OF FACT

(1) The respondent, Ernest O. Ballard, is licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas, his primary office being located in El Dorado, Arkansas.

(2) That since at least August, 1978, the respondent has allowed dental assistants, including Cindy Weaver, to administer nitrous oxide, cement bridges and crowns; and carve fillings.

II.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

That the above-enumerated acts are in violation of Ark. Stat. Ann. §72-560(7) (Supp. 1977).

III.

ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is by the Board ordered that Earnest O. Ballard's license to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas is hereby suspended for a period of thirty (30) days beginning on November 3, 1979. The period of suspension is to expire on December 3, 1979.

Further, it is ordered that Ernest O. Ballard is on probation with the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners for a period of twelve (12) months beginning November 3, 1979, during which time the Board may review his activities by visiting his office without notice.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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L.D. REDDEN, JR., D.D.S.  
Secretary  
Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners