

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EX

IN THE MATTER OF: WILLIAM R. GARRISON, D.D.S.

ORDER

On this 15th day of August 2003 comes on for hearing the matter of William R. Garrison, D.D.S. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners appeared together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. appeared together with his attorney, Don Mixon. From the pleadings, evidence introduced, testimony of the witnesses and admission of Dr. Garrison, the Board finds that:

1. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas under the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.
2. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. has admitted in testimony that on more than one occasion beginning the middle of March 2003 and continuing through April 2003 he inhaled nitrous oxide for non-medical and non-dental reasons rendering him debilitated and on occasion, unconscious, thus endangering the health and safety of his patients.
3. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. acknowledged that he has violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically, A.C.A. § 17-82-316 (c) (3) that is he exhibited professional incompetency and further has failed to maintain adequate safeguards for the health and safety of his patients.

WHEREFORE, IT IS CONSIDERED, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that:

1. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. has violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically, A.C.A. § 17-82-316 (c) (3) that is he exhibited professional incompetency that is he has failed to maintain adequate safeguards for the health and safety of his patients by inhaling

nitrous oxide during the work day for his own use and for non-dental or medical reasons.

2. As a result of the above violation of the Dental Practice Act, the license to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas of William R. Garrison, D.D.S. is revoked. Said revocation will be stayed for a period of five (5) years for so long as William R. Garrison, D.D.S. complies with the following conditions of stay:

- (a) He will enter into a contract for monitoring and rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation.
- (b) He will comply with the terms of the contract for monitoring and rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and said terms of the contract are terms of his conditions of stay.
- (c) He will provide the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners ongoing documentation and information as to his compliance or failure to comply with the terms of his contract and authorize the Arkansas State Medical Foundation to provide information as to his compliance or failure to comply with his contract.
- (d) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will appear at all meetings of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners until excused from the same.
- (e) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will refrain from the use of scheduled drugs or any other mind altering substance except as prescribed for treatment by a licensed physician, dentist or optometrist and in compliance with the terms of notification to the Arkansas Medical Foundation.

Upon William R. Garrison, D.D.S. complying with the conditions of stay as stated

hereinabove for a period of five (5) years his license will become unencumbered. Upon William R. Garrison, D.D.S. being found in violation of the conditions of stay, the license to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas of William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will be revoked.

3. The Emergency Order of Suspension of 21 April 2003 will be lifted upon William R. Garrison, D.D.S. appearing before this Board and presenting such proof that he has complied with the terms of his contract for rehabilitation and monitoring for a period of two (2) months. Upon the Board approving and receiving said information, the Emergency Suspension of his license will be lifted


IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL
EXAMINERS

Susan H. Wamble, D.D.S.
SUSAN H. WAMBLE, D.D.S. PRESIDENT

8/25/03
DATE

Approved as to Form:



William H. Trice, III
Attorney for the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners

BEFORE THE ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF: WILLIAM R. GARRISON, D.D.S.

ORDER

On this 24th day of June 2005 comes on for hearing the matter of William R. Garrison, D.D.S. The Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners appeared together by a quorum of its membership, together with its attorney, William H. Trice, III. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. appeared *pro se*. From the pleadings, evidence introduced, and testimony of the witnesses, the Board finds that:

1. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. is licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Arkansas under the provisions of the Dental Practice Act.
2. The Board entered an Order as a result of a disciplinary hearing conducted on August 15, 2003, reduced to a written Order on August 25, 2003, finding that William R. Garrison, D.D.S. had violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically, he exhibited professional incompetency and failed to maintain adequate safeguards for the health and safety of his patients, by inhaling nitrous oxide during the workday for his own use and for non-dental and non-medical reasons. As a result of said violation, the licence to practice dentistry in the state of Arkansas of William R. Garrison, D.D.S. was revoked. Said revocation was stayed for a period of five years for so long as William R. Garrison complied with the following conditions of stay:
 - (a) He will enter into a contract for monitoring and rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation.
 - (b) He will comply with the terms of the contract for monitoring and

rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and said terms of the contract are terms of his conditions of stay of the Order of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners.

- (c) He will provide the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners ongoing documentation and information as to his compliance or failure to comply with the terms of his contract and authorize the Arkansas State Medical Foundation to provide information as to his compliance or failure to comply with his contract.
 - (d) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will appear at all meetings of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners until excused from the same.
 - (e) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will refrain from the use of scheduled drugs or any other mind altering substance except as prescribed for treatment by a licensed physician, dentist or optometrist and in compliance with the terms of notification to the Arkansas Medical Foundation.
3. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. has admitted in testimony that he has violated the terms of his contract with the Arkansas Medical Foundation for monitoring and rehabilitation by inhaling nitrous oxide again in March of 2005 and further, the consumption of alcohol as reflected by a positive drug screen on May 17, 2005.
4. William R. Garrison, D.D.S. has admitted in testimony that, by violating the terms of his contract with the Arkansas Medical Foundation by inhaling nitrous oxide and by the consumption of alcohol, he has further violated the terms of the Order of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners entered August 25, 2003.

WHEREFORE, it is CONSIDERED, ORDERED, and ADJUDGED by the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners that William R. Garrison, D.D.S. has violated the Dental Practice Act, more specifically, A.C.A. § 17-82-316(3)(g), that is, he violated an Order of the Board, more specifically, the Order of the Board dated August 25, 2003.

1. As a result of the above violation of the Dental Practice Act and the Order of the Board dated August 25, 2003, the license to practice dentistry in the state of Arkansas of William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will remain on suspension until such time as William R. Garrison, D.D.S. appears before the Board, together with a representative of the Arkansas Medical Foundation, and presents proof that he has obtained the advocacy for rehabilitation and monitoring of the Arkansas Medical Foundation. It is recognized by the Board at this time that advocacy cannot be obtained from the Arkansas Medical Foundation until such time as William R. Garrison, D.D.S. enters into an in-house treatment facility for psychiatric and physical evaluation as to his physical and mental condition and his substance abuse problem, and further, that he will comply with whatever treatment that the in-house facility recommends. It is further recognized that he cannot obtain the advocacy of the Arkansas Medical Foundation until he executes any necessary release forms, so that the in-house treatment facility may provide the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners and the Arkansas Medical Foundation his records of evaluation and treatment.
2. As a further result of the violation of the Dental Practice Act, as stated herein above, upon William R. Garrison, D.D.S. appearing before the Board and

providing proof of obtaining advocacy of the Arkansas Medical Foundation for rehabilitation and monitoring, the suspension stated herein above will be lifted. At that time, the license to practice dentistry in the state of Arkansas of William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will be revoked. Said revocation will be stayed for a period of five years for so long as William R. Garrison, D.D.S. complies with the conditions of stay as follows:

- (a) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will enter into a contract for monitoring and rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation.
- (b) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will comply with the terms of the contract of monitoring and rehabilitation with the Arkansas Medical Foundation and the terms of that contract are to be terms of the conditions of stay in this Order.
- (c) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will authorize the Arkansas Medical Foundation to provide to the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners ongoing documentation and information as to his compliance or failure to comply with the terms of his contract for monitoring and rehabilitation with the Foundation.
- (d) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will appear at such meetings of the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners as required.
- (e) William R. Garrison, D.D.S. will refrain from the use of scheduled drugs or any other mind-altering substance, to include nitrous

oxide or alcohol, unless the same is prescribed by a licensed physician, dentist, or optometrist in the treatment of a diagnosed malady, and further, that he will notify personnel of the Arkansas Medical Foundation prior to his use of said substance. as required by his contract for monitoring and rehabilitation.

3. Upon William R. Garrison, D.D.S. complying with the conditions of stay for a period of five years, his license to practice dentistry in the state of Arkansas will become unencumbered. Upon William R. Garrison, D.D.S. violating the conditions of stay and a finding of such is made by the Board, his license to practice dentistry in the state of Arkansas will be revoked.


IT IS SO ORDERED.

ARKANSAS STATE BOARD OF DENTAL
EXAMINERS

GENE JINES, D.D.S. PRESIDENT

DATE

Approved as to Form:



William H. Trice, III
Attorney for the Arkansas State Board of Dental Examiners