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STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY  
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
DOCKET NO.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION  
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF

ANTHONY A. TANGORRA, JR., D.C.  
Former License No. 1395

TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

ORDER DENYING PETITION  
FOR REINSTATEMENT OF  
LICENSE

THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners on October 13, 1982 by Petition for Reinstatement of License submitted by Joseph J. Fleischman, Esq., 744 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey 07102, attorney for Dr. Tangorra. The license authorizing Dr. Tangorra to practice chiropractic in the State of New Jersey was revoked on August 19, 1982 following administrative hearing finding him guilty of conviction of a crime of moral turpitude and finding that such crime adversely reflected upon his ability to practice his licensed profession in this State. Dr. Tangorra had pleaded guilty in United States District Court to violation of 18 U.S.C.A. Sec. 371 for conspiracy to commit mail fraud in the sum of approximately \$4,000.

Respondent has pointed out that he has complied with all regulations required of him since his incarceration in federal prison and that he is due to be paroled shortly.

At the time of the final hearing on the administrative complaint, a relatively short time ago, the Board considered the gravity of the criminal offense of which Dr. Tangorra was found and committed to prison. It also considered the mitigating circumstances he presented before determining that the seriousness of the offense warranted revocation of license.

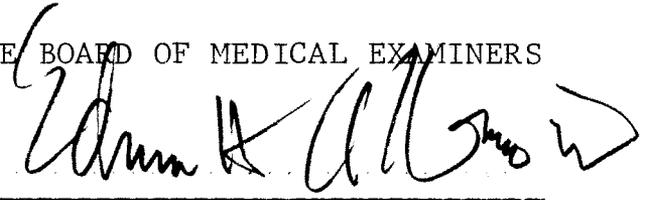
Counsel has argued in his brief that the governmental interest in punishment of offenders has been fulfilled by the incarceration in prison. The Board rejects this view in the present circumstances, as the prison term was imposed as a result of violation of federal criminal law. The Board's responsibility is independent of that, and relates even more directly to general protection of the public estimation of integrity in its licensees and in demonstration of actual possession of that element of integrity in its licensees. The Board's responsibility is prospective as well as retrospective. The fact that Dr. Tangorra may have comported himself appropriately within the constraints of prison is not regarded by this Board as an adequate demonstration of the self control necessary to a Board licensee in the circumstances of office practice which, as a practical matter, are unsupervised and unmonitored, nor in the myriad other aspects of general community life outside the prison system. It remains to be seen whether this individual can reorganize his life in the fundamental respect already found breached by the criminal proceeding. After giving due consideration to the materials submitted

on behalf of Dr. Tangorra by his counsel in this Petition, the Board has determined that insufficient time has elapsed for the Board to receive as satisfactory the representations presented of Dr. Tangorra's rehabilitation. The Board believes it desirable to ascertain the degree of Dr. Tangorra's rehabilitation based upon proofs of his adjustment in the community following his release from prison and will consider a new Petition for Reinstatement filed at that time.

For the foregoing reasons, the Petition of Anthony A. Tangorra, Jr., D.C., for Reinstatement of License is denied, without prejudice, at this time.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By

  
Edwin H. Albano, M.D.  
President

DATED: 21 Oct. 1982