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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC
SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

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IN THE MATTER OF	:	
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VICTOR TERRANOVA, D.M.D.	:	Administrative Action
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LICENCED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY	:	CONSENT ORDER
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	:	
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter referred to as "Board") upon the receipt of a patient complaint from Frances R. Elsman concerning dental treatment performed by Victor Terranova, D. M. D., in or about 1992, consisting of the extractions of four (4) impacted third molars, teeth #1, 16, 17 and 32. The respondent in the performance of these extractions fractured the patient's jaw. The Board reviewed the patient records, additional submitted documents and acquired further information in this matter at an Investigative Inquiry attended by the respondent on December 21, 1994. This review disclosed that the respondent, a periodontist, deviated from the acceptable standard of care by failing to refer the patient to an oral surgeon for the complicated

extractions. Further, the Board's review indicated that the respondent was negligent in the performance of the extractions in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:6-7(d).

In order to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS ^{13^b} DAY OF ^{March} ~~JANUARY~~ 1996,

HEREBY ORDERED and AGREED upon by the parties that:

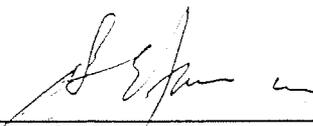
1. The respondent Dr. Terranova shall cease and desist from performing the extraction of teeth that are partially impacted or complete tissue or bony impactions until and when he successfully completes 100 hours of continuing education in oral surgery. The respondent shall be required to complete the attached Continuing Education Report and Proof of Attendance as proof of successful completion of the required course work. The attached forms are made a part of the within Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course. The continuing education ordered herein shall be in addition to and not part of the mandatory continuing education required for licensees.

2. The respondent is hereby reprimanded by the Board for his failure to refer the patient Frances R. Elsman to an oral surgeon for the extractions and for his negligence in the performance of the extractions which resulted in fracturing the jaw of the patient.

3. The respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand-Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars for failing to refer the patient to an oral surgeon and a civil penalty in the amount of Two Thousand-Five Hundred (\$2,500.00) dollars for his negligent actions in the treatment he provided to the patient. The penalties, which total Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) dollars, shall be

submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State Board of Dentistry and mailed to the Board at 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07102, within thirty (30) days of the entry date of this Order.

4. Dr. Terranova shall forward to Agnes Clarke, Executive Director of the Board of Dentistry, at the address listed above, the sum of \$367.02, by certified check or money order, within thirty (30) days of the entry of this Order, which represents the costs of the investigation of this matter.



Samuel Furman, D.D.S.
President, State Board
of Dentistry

I have read and understand
the within Order and agree
to be bound by its terms.
Consent is hereby given to
the Board of Dentistry to
enter this Order.



Victor Terranova, D.M.D.