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

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IN THE MATTER OF :  
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 PAUL S. FREEMAN, D.D.S. :  
 License No. DI 6141 :  
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 LICENSED TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY :  
 IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :  
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Administrative Action

CONSENT ORDER

CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon receipt of a patient complaint alleging that the treatment of patient L.S. by respondent Paul S. Freeman, D.D.S. ("respondent"), failed to meet the standard of care for the practice of dentistry in this State. Specifically, it has been alleged that respondent failed to extract the root tip of tooth number 13 and failed to construct a satisfactory four (4) unit bridge. On May 17, 2000, respondent appeared without counsel at an investigative inquiry into the matter held by the Board.

Having reviewed the entire record, including the patient complaint and records and testimony of respondent at the investigative inquiry, it appears to the Board that respondent failed to monitor adequately the presence of the root tip in tooth number thirteen and subsequently placed the four unit bridge over it. It further appears to the Board that the bridge constructed by respondent was not properly seated and had bulky and open margins. In response to the patient's complaints

regarding the fit of the bridge, respondent ground the bridge through the porcelain exposing the metal below. Finally, it appears that respondent failed to maintain an adequate patient record.

These facts establish basis for disciplinary action pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d) and N.J.S.A. 45:1-21 (h). It appearing that respondent desires to resolve this matter without admissions and without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown:

IT IS ON THIS 17<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2000,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall successfully complete the following continuing education: twenty-one (21) hours in hands-on crown and bridge; seven (7) hours in oral radiology, and seven (7) hours in record keeping. These courses shall be completed within six (6) months of the entry of this Consent Order. Further, these courses, which are in addition to the regularly required continuing education hours, shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance. Respondent shall 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 this Consent Order, and a separate form is to be used for each course.

2. Respondent shall reimburse the patient identified in this order as "L.S. " the amount of \$948.00. A certified check or money order made payable to L.S. shall be sent within twenty-one (21) days of the entry date of this Consent Order to Kevin Earle, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P.O. Box 45005, 124 Halsey Street, Sixth Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101.

3. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$243.98. Payment for the costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the Board no later than twenty-one days from the entry of this Consent Order. Payment shall be sent to Kevin Earle at the address described in paragraph #2.

4. Failure to remit any payment required by this Consent Order will result in the filing of a certificate of debt.

5. Failure to comply with any of the terms of this Consent Order may result in further disciplinary action.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

By:  DDS  
Henry Finger, D.D.S.  
Board President

I have read and understand this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

  
Paul S. Freeman, D.D.S.

8-10-2000  
Date