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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY	:	
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST	:	
	:	FINAL DECISION
REV. RICHARD W. NICHOLS,	:	AND ORDER
RESPONDENT.	:	

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The parties to this action for the purposes of Wis. Stats. sec. 227.16 are:

Rev. Richard W. Nichols  
12301 West Oklahoma Avenue  
West Allis, WI 53227

Psychology Examining Board  
P.O. Box 8936  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8936

Department of Regulation & Licensing  
Division of Enforcement  
P.O. Box 8936  
Madison, Wisconsin 53708-8936

A party aggrieved by this decision may petition the Board for rehearing within twenty (20) days after service of this decision pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.12. The petition in this instance would be captioned with Rev. Richard W. Nichols as the respondent.

A party aggrieved by this decision who is a resident of this state may also petition for judicial review by filing the petition in the office of the clerk of the circuit court for the county where the party aggrieved resides within thirty (30) days after service of this decision. A party aggrieved by this decision who is not a resident of this state must file the petition for judicial review in the office of the clerk of circuit court for Dane County. A party aggrieved must also serve the board and other parties with a copy of the petition for judicial review within thirty (30) days after service of this decision pursuant to Wis. Stats. sec. 227.16. The party to be named as respondent in the petition is the Psychology Examining Board.

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Board. The Board has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Board in this matter adopts the attached stipulation and makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Rev. Richard W. Nichols, hereinafter the respondent, is duly licensed under the provisions of Ch. 455, Wis. Stats., to practice as a licensed psychologist in the State of Wisconsin.

2. That the respondent has been licensed to practice psychology since April 14, 1978, when his license, # 698, was issued.

3. That the respondent's address is 12301 West Oklahoma Avenue, West Allis, Wisconsin 53227.

4. That the respondent provided psychological services to a minor male client from approximately June, 1978 through approximately January, 1979.

5. That on one occasion in approximately November, 1978, the respondent engaged in oral sex with said client during the course of a therapy session.

6. That said oral sex occurred in the respondent's business office located at 9401 West Beloit Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

7. That the respondent is a Catholic priest and is not currently assigned to a parish. The respondent has done limited work for the church since 1979.

8. That until February, 1985, the respondent worked full-time as a psychologist at the Stress Management Clinic, West Allis, Wisconsin.

9. That since February, 1985 the respondent has not practiced as a psychologist.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. That by engaging in the activities as set forth above, the respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct, contrary to Wis. Adm. Code sec. Psych 3.02(17) (Register, September, 1977, No. 261).

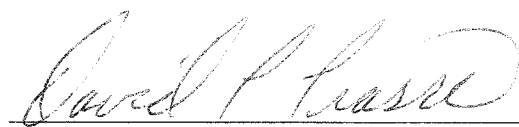
2. That the Board has jurisdiction to take disciplinary action against the respondent pursuant to Chapter 455, Stats. (1977).

Therefore, it is hereby ORDERED:

1. That the Psychology Examining Board accepts the voluntary surrender of the respondent's license as a psychologist, #698.

2. That the above Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order constitute a Final Decision in this matter and may be considered by the Board should the respondent ever reapply for licensure.

By:

  
A Member of the Board

3-15-85  
Date

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
BEFORE THE PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINING BOARD

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :  
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :

REV. RICHARD W. NICHOLS,  
RESPONDENT. :

STIPULATION  
:

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It is hereby stipulated by the parties as follows:

1. That by signing this Stipulation, the respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives his rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the allegations against him.
2. That this Stipulation and attached Proposed Decision shall be submitted to the Psychology Examining Board for purposes of reaching a final resolution of this matter.
3. That the respondent pleads no contest and requests that the Board adopt this Stipulation and attached Final Decision and Order.
4. That the complainant also urges acceptance and adoption of this agreement.

Michael J. Berndt  
Michael J. Berndt  
Attorney for Complainant

2/19/85  
Date

Reverend Richard W. Nichols  
Reverend Richard W. Nichols  
Respondent

2/25/85  
Date

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