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STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY :
PROCEEDINGS AGAINST :
 : FINAL DECISION AND ORDER
PAUL K. AWA, M.D., :
RESPONDENT. :

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 607

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Paul K. Awa, M.D.
c/o Hillsborough County Jail
1201 Orient Road
Tampa, Florida 33619

Wisconsin Medical Examining Board
P.O. Box 8366
Madison, WI 53708-8366

Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190
Madison, WI 53707-7190

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 Medical Examining Board (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, Conclusions of Law and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Paul K. Awa, M.D. (DOB 6/2/1952), is licensed in the state of Wisconsin to practice medicine and surgery, having license number 33707-20, first issued on September 24, 1992, with registration expired as of November 1, 2015. Respondent has the right to automatically renew his Wisconsin registration to practice medicine and surgery.

2. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department) is 909 Place Louie, Desoto, Texas 75115-2121.

3. Upon information and belief, Respondent is in the custody of the State of Florida Department of Corrections, 501 South Calhoun Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2500, currently being held at the Hillsborough County Jail, 1201 Orient Rd., Tampa, Florida 33619.

4. Respondent currently holds, or previously held, licenses to practice medicine and surgery in multiple jurisdictions, including the state of Florida.

5. On June 22, 2014, Respondent was adjudicated guilty of conspiracy to traffic in 28 grams of illegal drugs.

6. On October 13, 2014, the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Florida, Hillsborough County, entered a Judgment of Conviction against Respondent for Conspiracy to Traffic in Illegal Drugs, a first-degree felony under Florida state law. Respondent was sentenced to twenty-five years in prison.

7. On December 16, 2014, the State of Florida Department of Health issued an Order of Emergency Suspension of License, suspending Respondent's Florida license to practice medicine.

8. On January 26, 2016, Respondent executed a Voluntary Relinquishment of License in State of Florida Department of Health Case No. 2011-17791 pursuant to which he agreed to relinquish his license to practice medicine in the state of Florida, and to never again apply for licensure as a medical doctor in the state of Florida.

9. On January 27, 2016, in the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Court of the State of Florida, Hillsborough County, Respondent entered a "no contest" plea to multiple felony charges arising out of, or related to, his practice of medicine and surgery in the state of Florida.

10. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Wisconsin Medical Examining Board has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 448.02(3), and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

2. Respondent engaged in unprofessional conduct as defined by Wis. Admin. Code § Med 10.03(3)(i) by committing or being convicted of a violation of any laws or rules of this state, or any other state, or any federal law or regulation that is substantially related to the practice of medicine and surgery.

ORDER

1. The Board accepts the PERMANENT SURRENDER by Paul K. Awa, M.D., of his Wisconsin license to practice medicine and surgery (license no. 33707-20) and any appurtenant registration or right to renew that registration, effective the date of this Order.

2. The Board will not, at any time in the future, process or otherwise consider an application or attempt at renewal by Respondent of credentials necessary to practice medicine and surgery in the state of Wisconsin.

3. If Respondent seeks any other license under Wis. Stat. chs. 440-480, he shall, as a prerequisite to application, pay COSTS of this matter in the amount of \$1,042.92. If Respondent never again seeks licensure in Wisconsin, the Department waives the above-stated costs.

4. If applicable, payment of costs shall be made payable to the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services and sent to the Department Monitor at the address below:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone: (608) 267-3817; Fax: (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

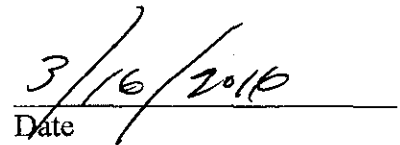
5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.

WISCONSIN MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

By:


A Member of the Board

Date



STATE OF WISCONSIN
BEFORE THE MEDICAL EXAMINING BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY
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RESPONDENT.

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STIPULATION

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 14 MED 607

Respondent Paul K. Awa, M.D., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance,
Department of Safety and Professional Services stipulate as follows:

1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the
Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this
investigation by Stipulation.

2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily
and knowingly waives the following rights:

- the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has
the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
- the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
- the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by
subpoena;
- the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
- the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral
arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
- the right to petition for rehearing; and
- all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution,
the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code,
and other provisions of state or federal law.

3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has
been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation. Respondent
is represented by Attorney Jo Ann Palchak.

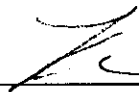
4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by
the Wisconsin Medical Examining Board (Board). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the
entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or
consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Board's order, if
adopted in the form as attached.

5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Board, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Board, the parties agree not to contend that the Board has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.

6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance and any member of the Board ever assigned as an advisor in this investigation may appear before the Board in open or closed session, without the presence of Respondent or Respondent's attorney, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that any member of the Board may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation. Additionally, any such advisor may vote on whether the Board should accept this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

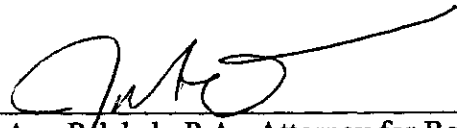
7. Respondent is informed that should the Board adopt this Stipulation, the Board's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.

8. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending the Board adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.




Paul K. Awa, M.D., Respondent
Paul Awa
909 Place Louie
Desoto, TX 75115-2121
License no. 33707-20

2/28/16
Date



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2/29/16
Date



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Date