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LICENSURE CHARGES FILED AGAINST DR. MICHAEL D. DICK OF DECATUR

MONTGOMERY – In a specially-called meeting held Tuesday evening, the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners (BME) formally filed licensure suspension charges against Dr. Michael D. Dick following a lengthy investigation into allegations of unprofessional conduct and sexual misconduct in the practice of medicine. The charges will be taken up by the Alabama Medical Licensure Commission at its next scheduled meeting.

The BME has been investigating the allegations against Dr. Dick since February and has worked closely with law enforcement to assist in the related criminal investigation. At law enforcement's request, the BME delayed any official action against Dr. Dick until the resolution of the criminal case, which took place on September 28th and resulted in his conviction on three separate charges of harassment.

“The last thing the BME wants to do is compromise a criminal investigation by one of our law enforcement partners,” Wilson Hunter, General Counsel for the BME, said. “With that issue settled, it has cleared the way for the BME to move forward with filing charges and immediately suspending Dr. Dick’s medical license.”

While details of investigations remain confidential, the administrative complaint filed against Dr. Dick’s medical license by the BME Tuesday evening contained allegations of inappropriate physical contact with patients with no legitimate medical purpose and three convictions of criminal offenses which reflect his inability to practice medicine with due regard for the health or safety of his patients. The Board is also seeking the immediate suspension of Dr. Dick’s license to practice medicine in Alabama until a formal hearing can be held. If approved by the Commission, the suspension will take immediate effect, preventing him from seeing patients or prescribing.

Hunter says the BME encourages patients who feel their doctor has crossed a line to come forward. Patients doing so are protected from retaliation under Alabama law.

“Obviously, we can’t be in every exam room with every patient, but if a physician takes advantage of the doctor-patient relationship we want to know about it,” Hunter said.

The action against Dr. Dick’s medical license is being prosecuted on behalf of the BME by Associate General Counsel Matt Hart.

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