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Medical Board of California Revokes License of Escondido Doctor for Sexual Abuse

(Sacramento, California) – The Medical Board of California (Board) has revoked the license of an Escondido doctor after his conviction of 24 felonies including <u>sexual battery</u> and <u>sexual exploitation</u> of a patient by a physician. The revocation of John Francis McGuire's license took effect on April 13, 2018.

"Consumer protection is the Board's primary mission and this decision reflects the Board's commitment to that mission," said Kimberly Kirchmeyer, the Board's Executive Director.

According to the Board's accusation McGuire sexually assaulted eight of his patients dating back to 2011, with the last known assault occurring in April 2015. The Board's accusation includes charges of sexual abuse and/or sexual exploitation of patients; conviction of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a physician and surgeon; and unprofessional conduct.

After notification of McGuire's arrest in August 2015, the Board sought and obtained a Penal Code section 23 restriction from the Riverside County Superior Court on September 21, 2015, prohibiting McGuire from practicing medicine until the charges against him were resolved.

On April 21, 2017, McGuire was sentenced to 14 years, 10 months in state prison for the aforementioned crimes. The Board encourages patients who believe that their doctor may have acted in a sexually inappropriate manner to report it to the Board.

Consumers can easily file a complaint by visiting the Board's website at mbc.ca.gov or submitting a complaint through regular mail by filling out the Consumer Complaint Form and mailing it to Medical Board of California, Central Complaint Unit, 2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200, Sacramento, CA 95815.

To read the decision against McGuire, visit his <u>physician's profile page</u>.

For more general information about the Board, visit mbc.ca.gov.

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