

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**  
2 **OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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6 **In the Matter of the Investigation of**

**Case No. 15-41732-1**


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8 **Douglas Stewart Lynch, PA-C,**  
9 **License No. PA1486,**

**FILED**

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**NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

10 **Respondent.**

By: 

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12 **ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION & NOTICE OF HEARING**

13 The Investigative Committee<sup>1</sup> (“IC”) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners  
14 (“Board”) hereby **IMMEDIATELY SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of  
15 Douglas Stewart Lynch (“Respondent”), licensed as certified physician assistant (“PA-C”) under  
16 license number PA1486, from the practice of medicine, pursuant to the Board’s authority to regulate  
17 the practice of medicine in Nevada. Nev. Rev. Stat. ch. 630. The IC issues this Order of Summary  
18 Suspension (“Order”) based on its preliminary determination from the Investigative Findings that  
19 Respondent’s acts put the health, safety or welfare of the public at risk of imminent harm. Nev.  
20 Rev. Stat. § 630.326.1. Prior to the preparation of this Order, Board staff presented the following  
21 Investigative Findings to the IC of the Board.

22 **A. Investigative Findings**

23 1. Respondent is a certified physician assistant licensed to practice in Nevada. He was  
24 originally licensed by the Board on or about December 30, 2013. Prior to being licensed, Respondent  
25 notified the Board that he had voluntarily entered into a five-year contract with Dr. Peter Mansky and  
26 Nevada Professionals Assistance Program (“NPAP”) in February 2013 due to prior illicit drug use.

27 2. Currently, Respondent has supervisory appointments with three separate Nevada-

28 <sup>1</sup> The Investigative Committee (“IC”) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Directors (“Board”) is composed of Board members Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., Chairman, Valerie J. Clark, BSN, RHU, LUTCF, Member, and Michael J. Fischer, M.D., Member.

1 licensed medical doctors.

2 3. On or about March 18, 2015, NPAP notified the Board that it believes that  
3 Respondent is unsafe to practice at this time. According to the notice, NPAP tested Respondent  
4 for drug use on February 11, 2015, February 23, 2015, and March 12, 2015. Respondent failed all  
5 three drug tests by testing positive for methamphetamine use. NPAP believes that Respondent is  
6 still actively using methamphetamines due to increasing levels in the test results. Respondent was  
7 deactivated as a participant in NPAP as of March 16, 2015, because Respondent failed to comply  
8 with a corrective action plan and failed to respond to NPAP's inquiries.

9 **B. Conclusions of Law**

10 Based on the foregoing, the IC finds that the health, safety and welfare of the public is at  
11 imminent risk of harm if Respondent is permitted to continue practicing, and that an immediate  
12 summary suspension of Respondent's physician assistant license in the state of Nevada is  
13 necessary for the protection of the public. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 630.326.1. Accordingly,

14 **ORDER**

15 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the certified physician assistant license of  
16 Douglas Stewart Lynch, PA-C (license no. PA1486) is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** until further  
17 order of the IC or Board, and Respondent is prohibited from engaging in any acts that constitute the  
18 practice of medicine;

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent shall notify his current supervising  
20 physicians that his license is suspended until further order of the IC or Board; and

21 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a hearing on this matter is set for the **4th day of May,**  
22 **2015, at 9:30 a.m.** at the Board's office located at 1105 Terminal Way, Ste. 301, Reno, NV  
23 89502, to determine whether this suspension may continue, unless the parties mutually agree in  
24 writing to a divergent time frame. Nev. Rev. Stat. § 630.326.2.

25 DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.

26 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
27 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

28 By: Theodore B. Berndt  
Theodore B. Berndt, M.D.  
Chairman, Investigative Committee