**BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS** 1 **OF THE STATE OF NEVADA** 2 \* \* \* \* \* 3 4 Case No. 17-23950-1 In the Matter of Charges and 5 **Complaint Against** 6 FILED 7 Chad Kruger, RRT, SEP 2 5 2017 8 **Respondent.** NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDIGAL EXAMINERS 9 10 COMPLAINT The Investigative Committee<sup>1</sup> (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) 11 12 hereby issues this formal Complaint (Complaint) against Chad Kruger (Respondent), a licensed 13 Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT) in Nevada. After investigating this matter, the IC has a 14 reasonable basis to believe that Respondent has violated provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes 15 (NRS) chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) chapter 630 (collectively, Medical 16 Practice Act). The IC alleges the following facts: **Respondent's Licensure Status** A.

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1. Respondent is currently licensed in Nevada in active status (License No. RC214), and has been so licensed by the Board since December 3, 2001.

## 20 В. **Respondent's Disreputable Conduct**

21 2. On or about July 31, 2013, Respondent was indicted by a Grand Jury in Clark County, Nevada, along with two other individuals, on charges of: Insurance Fraud Committed to Promote 22 Activities of a Criminal Gang, a felony; Theft Committed to Promote Activities of a Criminal 23 24 Gang, a felony; Conspiracy, a gross misdemeanor. The charges stem from Respondent's 25 involvement in a conspiracy to fake the theft of a Suzuki motorcycle belonging to one of the 26 other defendants, and report it stolen to an insurance company to obtain an insurance settlement

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Investigative Committee (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) was composed of Board 28 members Wayne Hardwick, M.D., Chairman, Theodore B. Berndt, M.D., member and M. Neil Duxbury, public member.

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by fraud. The criminal allegations do not involve the practice of medicine.

3. On August 31, 2015, Respondent plead guilty to one count of Insurance Fraud, a felony, and agreed to pay restitution to various parties totaling \$10,570.37.

4. On February 1, 2016, upon substantial satisfaction of the aforementioned punishment, the indictment was amended to a single count of Conspiracy to Commit Insurance Fraud, a gross misdemeanor, to which Respondent pled guilty, and a final judgment was rendered on April 21, 2016.

5. Accordingly, Respondent, a licensed RRT in active practice in the State of Nevada, was convicted of Insurance Fraud, a gross misdemeanor.

## **Count I**

## NRS 630.301(9) (Disreputable Conduct)

6. All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein.

7. Conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute is grounds for discipline
pursuant to NRS 630.301(9), including, without limitation, conduct that violates any provision of
a code of ethics adopted by the Board by regulation based on a national code of ethics.

8. Respondent's participation in a criminal conspiracy to commit insurance fraud, and a criminal conviction for such, constitutes engaging in conduct that brings the medical profession into disrepute.

9. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided
in NRS 630.352.

**WHEREFORE**, the IC prays that the Board:

1. Give Respondent notice of the charges set forth in this Complaint;

24 2. Give Respondent notice that Respondent may file an answer to the Complaint as set forth
25 in NRS 630.339(2) within 20 days of service of the Complaint;

3. Set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant
to NRS 630.339(3);

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4. Determine the sanctions it will impose if it finds Respondent violated the Medical Practice Act;

5. Make, issue, and serve on Respondent, in writing, its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, which shall include the sanctions, if imposed; and

6. Take such other and further action as may be just and proper in this matter. Dated this *D* day of September, 2017.

> INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

Robert Kilroy, Esq., General Counsel Aaron Bart Fricke, Deputy General Counsel Attorneys for the Investigative Committee

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## VERIFICATION

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COUNTY OF WASHOE

Wayne Hardwick, M.D., hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Nevada that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the foregoing Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and based upon information discovered during the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct. Dated this 22 day of September, 2017.

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Wayne Hardwick, M.D. Chairman, Investigative Committee Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

I hereby certify that I am employed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017, I served a file-stamped copy of the COMPLAINT and FINGERPRINT INFORMATION, via USPS e-certified return receipt mail (**9171 9690 0935 0096 2329 55**) to the following:

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

Chad Kruger, RRT 3025 Cooper Creek Drive Henderson, NV 89074

DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Kimberly Rosling, Employee

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