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

In the Matter of Charges and Complaint

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DAVID MICHAEL SNIPPER, M.D.,

Respondent.

Case No. 25-8772-2

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COMPLAINT

The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board), by and through Ian J. Cumings, Senior Deputy General Counsel and attorney for the IC, having a reasonable basis to believe that David Michael Snipper, M.D., (Respondent) violated the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the IC's charges and allegations as follows:

- Respondent was at all times relative to this Complaint a medical doctor holding an 1. active license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada (License No. 6112). Respondent was originally licensed by the Board on August 25, 1990, and specializes in anesthesiology.
- Upon information and belief that Respondent was ingesting illegal drugs. 2. Therefore, Respondent was ordered to undergo an observed urine and hair drug test on September 10, 2025. See Exhibit 1.
- Respondent was served with a Board Order for Urine and Hair Sample (Order) on 3. September 9, 2025, pursuant to NRS 630.318 which required compliance by the end of business September 10, 2025.

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The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time this formal Complaint was authorized for filing, was composed of Board members Bret W. Frey, M.D., Joseph Olivarez, P.A.-C, and Apeksha Desai, M.D., MBA.

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- When Board staff attempted to serve Respondent in the morning 4. September 9, 2025, with the Order at his address of record on file with the Board, Respondent no longer resided nor conducted business at that address.
- 5. Successful service of the Order was accomplished in the afternoon on September 9, 2025. See Exhibit 2.
- Respondent failed to comply with the ordered drug screening by the date prescribed 6. in the Order.
- To date, Respondent has failed to submit to the Board ordered drug screening as 7. specified in the Board's Order dated September 9, 2025.

COUNT I

NRS 630.3065(2)(a) - Knowing or Willful Failure to Comply with a Board Order

- All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference 8. as though fully set forth herein.
- NRS 630.3065(2)(a) provides that the knowing or willful failure to comply with an 9. order of the Board constitutes grounds for initiating disciplinary action.
- Respondent knowingly or willfully failed to comply with the Board Order for urine 10. and hair collection to determine if he was taking illegal drugs.
- By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as 11. provided in NRS 630.352.

COUNT II

NRS 630.306(1)(j) - Failing to Timely Notify the Board of a Change of Permanent Address

- All of the allegations in the above paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference 12. as though fully set forth herein.
- NAC 630.540(23) provides that violating any provision that would subject a 13. practitioner of medicine to discipline pursuant to NRS 630.301 to 630.3065, inclusive, or NAC 630.230, is grounds for disciplinary action against a physician.
- NRS 630.306(1)(j) provides that failing to comply with the requirements of 14. NRS 630.254 is grounds for initiating disciplinary action.

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15. NRS 630.254 provides, in pertinent part:

Each licensee shall maintain a permanent mailing address with the Board to which all communications from the Board to the licensee must be sent. A licensee who changes his or her permanent mailing address shall notify the Board in writing of the new permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change. If a licensee fails to notify the Board in writing of a change in his or her permanent mailing address within 30 days after the change, the Board:

- (a) May impose upon the licensee a fine not to exceed \$250;
- (b) May initiate disciplinary action against the licensee as provided pursuant to paragraph (j) of subsection 1 of NRS 630.306.
- 16. Respondent violated NRS 630.254 by failing to maintain a permanent address with the Board to which all communications to the licensee must be sent.
- 17. By reason of the foregoing, Respondent is subject to discipline by the Board as provided in NAC 630.555 and NRS 630.352.

WHEREFORE, the Investigative Committee prays:

- 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;
- 2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);
- 3. That the Board determine what sanctions to impose if it determines there has been a violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;
- 4. That the Board award fees and costs for the investigation and prosecution of this case as outlined in NRS 622.400;
- That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and

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6. That the Board take such other and further action as may be just and proper in these premises.

DATED this 15th day of September, 2025.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

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Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

VERIFICATION

STATE OF NEVADA)
	: SS.
COUNTY OF WASHOE)

Bret W. Frey, M.D., having been duly sworn, hereby deposes and states under penalty of perjury that he is the Chairman of the Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners that authorized the Complaint against the Respondent herein; that he has read the foregoing Complaint; and that based upon information discovered in the course of the investigation into a complaint against Respondent, he believes that the allegations and charges in the foregoing Complaint against Respondent are true, accurate and correct.

DATED this 15th day of September, 2025.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By:

REY, M.D.

Chairman of the Investigative Committee

EXHIBIT 1

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INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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In the Matter of the Investigation

Inv. Case No. 25-25675

of

David M. Snipper, M.D.,

License No. 6112.



ORDER FOR URINE AND HAIR SAMPLE

TO: David M. Snipper, M.D. 1504 Silver Oaks Street Las Vegas, NV 89117

The Investigative Committee¹ (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board) hereby enters the following Order:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that David M. Snipper, M.D. (Licensee) submit to an observed urine and hair sample for testing pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 630.318, because the IC believes that there is a reasonable question as to Licensee's competence to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. The IC received information that on July 24, 2025, the Licensee consented to a urine drug screen and a rapid test of the sample provided by Licensee returned with presumptive positive results for Marijuana (THC), Benzodiazepines, Amphetamine, and Methamphetamine. The IC thus orders that Licensee undergo an observed urine and hair sample test due to reasonable questions existing as to Licensee's competency, demeanor, and possible mental and/or physical impairments to the extent that such affects his ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety. The Licensee shall provide a list of all controlled substances prescribed to them and taken since January 1, 2025.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that upon presentation of this order by a representative of the Board, Licensee must provide an observed urine and hair sample for testing on

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September 10, 2025, end of business day. Said collection of urine and hair sample shall be arranged by Mark Chase, PhD, MBA, Executive Director of Nevada Professionals Health Program (NVPHP).

- 1. Pursuant to NAC 630.550(5), Licensee shall directly pay for all services rendered in furtherance of this Order.
- 2. Pursuant to NAC 630.550(3), the results regarding Licensee's examination is not a privileged communication and will be distributed, as required, to the IC and the Board.
- 3. Pursuant to NAC 630.550(4), the failure of Licensee, who is licensed by the Board, to comply with this Order by the IC constitutes an admission of the charges against the physician (Licensee).
- 4. Pursuant to Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 630.3065(2)(a), Licensee's failure to comply with this Order is sufficient grounds for the initiation of disciplinary action, because compliance with this Order is deemed compulsory, and, thus, shall not be deemed to be cooperation subject to the protections provided to the physicians in NRS 630.364(3).
- 5. Pursuant to NRS 629.061(4), Licensee is entitled to a copy of the aforementioned report and must request said copy directly from the Nevada Professionals Health Program.

DATED this 8th day of September 2025.

Ву: ___

Brett W. Frey, M.D., Chairman

Investigative Committee

Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners

Mark Chase, PhD, MBA

NVPHP Executive Director

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

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In the Matter of the Investigation of: Case No. 25-25675		
David M. Snipper, M.D.		
License No.: 6112		
AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE		
I, George Tuioti, Deputy Chief of Investigations as an employee of the Nevada State Board		
of Medical Examiners, being first duly sworn, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the		
State of Nevada that the following assertions are true to the best of my knowledge and:		
I personally served David Snipper, M.D., at his residence located on 1504 Silver Oaks Street,		
Las Vegas, NV 89117, on Septempber 9 th , 2025, at approximately 3:43 p.m., the following:		
1. Order for Urine and Hair Sample.		

George Tuioti Deputy Chief of Investigations

STATE OF <u>NEVADA</u>)
COUNTY OF <u>CLARK</u>) ss.)
SUBSCRIBED and SWORN t	o before me by
George Trusti on this 9th o	lay of <u>September</u> , 2025

Further your Affiant sayeth naught.

