

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

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5   **In the Matter of Charges and Complaint**

Case No. 26-38893-1

6   **Against:**

**FILED**

7   **STEPHANOS PARASKEVAS ORPHANIDIS, M.D.,**

**FEB 25 2026**

8   **Respondent.**

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL EXAMINERS  
By: 

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10                                   **COMPLAINT**

11                   The Investigative Committee<sup>1</sup> (IC) of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners (Board),  
12 by and through Donald K. White, Senior Deputy General Counsel and attorney for the IC, having a  
13 reasonable basis to believe that Stephanos Paraskevas Orphanidis, M.D. (Respondent) violated the  
14 provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 630 and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC)  
15 Chapter 630 (collectively, the Medical Practice Act), hereby issues its Complaint, stating the IC's  
16 charges and allegations as follows:

17                   1.       Respondent was at all times relative to this Complaint a medical doctor holding an  
18 active license to practice medicine in the State of Nevada (License No. 13940). Respondent was  
19 originally licensed by the Board on July 1, 2011.

20                   2.       Patient A<sup>2</sup> was a twenty-one (21) year-old female at the time of the events at issue.

21                   3.       On February 18, 2024, Patient A arrived by ambulance at St. Rose Dominican  
22 Hospital – Sienna Campus at approximately 11:20 a.m. following an apparent suicide attempt.

23                   4.       Upon arrival, at approximately 11:57 a.m., another physician attended to  
24 Patient A.

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27                   <sup>1</sup> The Investigative Committee of the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners, at the time this formal  
28 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.

<sup>2</sup> Patient A's true identity is not disclosed herein to protect her privacy, but is disclosed in the Patient  
Designation served upon Respondent along with a copy of this Complaint.

1           5.       Her physical examination showed a BP of 108/57, HR 76, RR 14, SpO2 95%, and a  
2 temperature of 97.9 F.

3           6.       The attending physician documented findings of “drowsy but arousable to  
4 stimulation, GCS 15, NAD, breathing comfortably, no visible rashes, extremities: no deformities  
5 noted, and vascular: appears well perfused.”

6           7.       More tests were ordered for Patient A, including CXR, EKG, ABG with co-oximetry,  
7 urine drug screen, CMP, CPK, troponin, CBC with differential, HCG, ETOH levels and was treated  
8 with IV fluids, Ativan 1 mg PO and ibuprofen 400 mg PO.

9           8.       Patient A’s tests were remarkable for a normal CMP except for K of 3.3. Troponin,  
10 ABG including CO% were normal as were her CXR and EKG. Her CPK was mildly elevated at  
11 278. ETOH level was 199 and urine drug screen was positive for benzodiazepines, cocaine, and  
12 THC.

13          9.       Once this evaluation and treatment from the attending physician was complete, she  
14 was medically cleared for inpatient psychiatry and remained on a legal hold as of 4:24 p.m., that  
15 same day.

16          10.      On February 19, 2024, at approximately 6:20 a.m., while still in the emergency  
17 department at St. Rose Dominican Hospital – Sienna Campus, as she was about to be transported  
18 to Seven Hills via EMS, Patient A asked for the laceration on her right small finger to be evaluated.

19          11.      Respondent agreed to evaluate Patient A. He interpreted her EKG and then  
20 performed a physical examination commenting, “I examined her finger, and it definitely required  
21 stitching.”

22          12.      Respondent performed a digital block with 5cc of 1% lidocaine without epinephrine  
23 and 2cc of 2% without epinephrine and irrigated the copiously under pressure.” He commented that  
24 “there is no evidence of tendon involvement.”

25          13.      The wound was soaked in a betadine solution for fifteen (15) minutes. Respondent’s  
26 procedure note stated, “the wound was explored visually and tactile for foreign bodies, and base of  
27 wound was visualized in a clean, bloodless, well-lit field.” The wound was closed with three (3)  
28 sutures using 4-0 Ethilon and simple interrupted technique.

1           14.     Patient A tolerated the procedure well without complication and a topical antibiotic  
2 was applied followed by a dressing.

3           15.     An x-ray performed per radiology showed soft tissue swelling, no fracture or  
4 dislocation, no erosions, no soft tissue mineralization, no bone lesion, and preserved joint spaces.

5           16.     An aluminum finger splint was applied and Respondent documented, “it is fit  
6 appropriately, and neurovascular exam remains intact status post application.”

7           17.     In the MDM section of his note, Respondent commented on providing intravenous  
8 antibiotics and giving her a prescription for oral antibiotics with “instructions to keep a close eye  
9 on it and if there are any sign of infections to the emergency department immediately as this wound  
10 closure was just over the 24-hour mark from time of injury.”

11           18.     Patient A was then discharged to the psychiatric facility with a follow-up plan to  
12 “return to the emergency department or with a primary care provider in 14 days for suture removal”  
13 and to “take antibiotics as prescribed.”

14           19.     On March 4, 2024, as noted by another provider, Patient A was unable to move her  
15 finger and had numbness on the side of it.

16           20.     An ultrasound was performed revealing lacerated tendons.

17           21.     Patient A had surgery on March 5, 2024, and the operative report notes the post-  
18 operative diagnosis of a zone II laceration of the flexor digitorum superficialis (FDS) and flexor  
19 digitorum profundus (FDP) of the right small finger with wound dehiscence on the palmar ulnar  
20 aspect at the level of the PIP flexion crease as well as adhesions secondary to delayed presentation.

21           22.     A different provider performed a zone II repair of the FDS and FDP, exploration of  
22 the knife impalement, microsurgical neurolysis of the ulnar digital nerve, tenolysis of the adhesions,  
23 scar revision, and irrigations and debridement of the skin and subcutaneous tissue.

24           23.     Patient A returned to the other provider’s clinic on March 14, 2024, six (6) days later  
25 than her recommended follow-up date and was not wearing her splint as prescribed.

26           24.     Patient A visited that other provider on March 20, 2024, and some other days, but  
27 eventually stopped visiting the other provider on June 4, 2024. During these visits, she would  
28 occasionally miss her physical therapy visits and did not consistently wear her splint.



1 **WHEREFORE**, the IC prays:

2 1. That the Board give Respondent notice of the charges herein against him and give  
3 him notice that he may file an answer to the Complaint herein as set forth in  
4 NRS 630.339(2) within twenty (20) days of service of the Complaint;

5 2. That the Board set a time and place for a formal hearing after holding an Early Case  
6 Conference pursuant to NRS 630.339(3);

7 3. That the Board determine what sanctions to impose if it determines there has been a  
8 violation or violations of the Medical Practice Act committed by Respondent;

9 4. That the Board award fees and costs for the investigation and prosecution of this case  
10 as outlined in NRS 622.400;

11 5. That the Board make, issue and serve on Respondent its findings of fact, conclusions  
12 of law and order, in writing, that includes the sanctions imposed; and

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

15 DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

16 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
17 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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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 25th day of February, 2026.

INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE  
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I am employed by the Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on the 27th day of February, 2026, I served a file-stamped copy of the foregoing **COMPLAINT**, via USPS Certified Mail, postage pre-paid, to the following parties:

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DATED this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026.

  
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