

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
CASE NO. 2022KBCE00004
IN RE: CHIROPRACTIC LICENSE OF GEORGE KNIPP II, D.C.

EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”), acting by and through its President, having considered Commonwealth of Kentucky Uniform Citation 22-DZ85328, and having considered information provided by law enforcement and being sufficiently advised, enters the following EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION of the license of George Knipp, II, D.C. (“Dr. Knipp” or “the licensee”), license no. 249286, in accordance with KRS 312.019(3) and (5) and 201 KAR 21:054.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. A review of the court docket indicates Dr. Knipp is to be arraigned in the Franklin District Court on May 24, 2022, in case docket number, 22-M-000349, on charges of sexual abuse in the third degree. A copy of the Commonwealth of Kentucky Uniform Citation 22-M-000349 is attached and incorporated by reference.
2. Dr. Knipp is a named Defendant in 22-CI-00046, filed on January 19, 2022 in Franklin Circuit Court, including allegations that Dr. Knipp “reached his hand under the Plaintiff[’s] . . . upper and lower undergarments in a manner not necessary or routine for treatment,” and including counts of assault and battery and the intentional and negligent infliction of emotional distress. A copy of that complaint in 22-CI-00046 is attached and incorporated by reference.
3. A review of the public filings and docket sheets in 22-M-000349 (Franklin) and 22-CI-00046 (Franklin) establishes that the victim is a former patient of Dr. Knipp.

4. On May 18, 2022, the Board received KYIBRS report number KY 12-21-0236 from the Kentucky State Police, setting forth allegations of sexual abuse of a patient by Dr. Knipp, as well as a KYIBRS report supplement containing detailed allegations by another patient regarding inappropriate touching by Dr. Knipp.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

5. 201 KAR 21:054 provides that the Board chair may issue an emergency order to suspend or limit a license upon finding that an emergency order is in the public interest, and there is substantial evidence of immediate danger to the health, welfare or safety of a patient or the general public.
6. As a condition of licensure, "A licensee shall not commit an act of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, or any act punishable as a sexual offense." 201 KAR 21:015 Section 1(2).
7. It is the finding of the Board president that an emergency order is warranted due to the alleged criminal conduct by the licensee against a patient, and allegations of another patient regarding sexual misconduct by the licensee. The alleged acts leading to a charge of sexual abuse in the third degree, and the alleged acts leading to the filing of a civil complaint for assault and battery of a patient, constitute substantial evidence of alleged sexual misconduct against multiple patients constituting an immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the general public.
8. Upon receipt of an emergency order, a licensee shall immediately comply with the emergency order of suspension or limitation. 201 KAR 21:054 Section 1(2).

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

9. 201 KAR 21:054 provides the right to appeal in this emergency suspension pursuant to KRS 13B.125, by submitting a written request within thirty (30) days of receiving this order. If an appeal is not made, or the conditions which have caused this order are not corrected within thirty (30) days

of service of this order, the suspended license shall be revoked. 201 KAR 21:054 Section 1(4). If an appeal is made, an emergency hearing shall be held in accordance with KRS 13B.125(3).

EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION

Based upon the foregoing findings of fact and conclusions of law, the President of the Board hereby ORDERS that the chiropractic license of George Knipp, II, D.C., is SUSPENDED and Dr. Knipp is prohibited from practicing chiropractic in Kentucky until such time as the Board has disposed of this matter after receipt of documents resolving the criminal matter as referenced in this order, or upon further order of the Board.

This is an EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION effective upon receipt by the licensee.

SO ORDERED this 19th day of May, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James England, D.C.", written in a cursive style.

James England, D.C.
President

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**AGREED ORDER MODIFYING
EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

The Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the "Board"), acting by and through its President, in accordance with KRS 312.019(3) and (5) and 201 KAR 21:054, and George Knipp, II, D.C. ("Dr. Knipp"), license no. 249286, hereby agree that the EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION of Dr. Knipp's license entered on May 19, 2022, shall remain in effect during the pendency of the criminal matter, 22-M-00349 (Franklin), except that the EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION is hereby modified as follows:

1. Dr. Knipp waives his right to appeal the EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION entered on May 19, 2022.
2. Dr. Knipp shall immediately notify the Board of the final disposition of 22-M-00349 (Franklin) and shall provide a copy of the final order in that matter as well as copies of all records admitted into evidence during trial of that matter.
3. The Board shall review the EMERGENCY ORDER OF SUSPENSION at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following receipt from Dr. Knipp of the final disposition of 22-M-00349 (Franklin) and all records admitted into evidence during trial of that matter.
4. Nothing in this Agreed Order limits the Board from taking further disciplinary action as may be warranted following receipt of the final disposition of 22-M-00349 (Franklin). Nothing in this Agreed Order limits Dr. Knipp from appealing any such further disciplinary action.

SO ORDERED this 22nd of June, 2022.



Jun 22, 2022

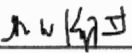
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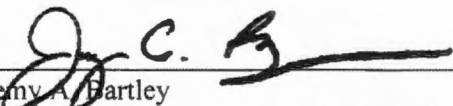
HAVE SEEN AND AGREED:



James England, D.C. June 22, 2022
President, Kentucky Board of Chiropractic Examiners Date

/s/ August Pozgay June 22, 2022
August Lincoln Pozgay Date
Public Protection Cabinet, Office of Legal Services
Counsel for the Board

 June 22, 2022
Angela Knipp (Jun 22, 2022 15:42 EDT) Date
George Knipp II, D.C.
Respondent

 6/22/2022
Jeremy A. Bartley Date
The Law Office of Jeremy A. Bartley, PSC
Counsel for Respondent