

**IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.* )  
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD )  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE )  
AND SUPERVISION, )

Plaintiff )

v. )

KAREN STEVENSON, OTA, )  
LICENSE NO. OA 1432, )

Defendant. )

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 14-05-4968

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE IN LIEU OF PROSECUTION**

State of Oklahoma )  
 ) ss:  
Garfield County )

I, Karen Stevenson, being of lawful age and after first being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I hereby voluntarily surrender my Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Assistant license no. 1432.
2. The surrender of my license is freely and voluntarily made. I have not been subject to any coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the consequences of the surrender of my license.
3. I am currently on probation with the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board") and have violated the terms and conditions of my probation. Further, in a hearing on the matter, the allegations, if proven, would constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.
4. The allegations of unprofessional conduct to which I plead guilty are as follows:
  - A. Between November 20, 2015 and July 6, 2016 I created false prescriptions on my computer and printed them. I then forged doctor's signatures and filled the prescriptions at local pharmacies.

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B. At the time I did these acts I was in a probationary status with terms and conditions stated in the Order Accepting Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction, filed January 15, 2015.

5. I am guilty of unprofessional conduct by violating the following rules of professional conduct:

- A. Dishonorable or immoral conduct likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(8) and Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:10-7-4(11), 435:15-5-11(a)(7), 435:30-1-10(3);
- B. The habitual use of habit forming drugs, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(4) and Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:10-7-4(2), 435:15-5-11(a)(1), (7), 435:30-1-10(3)(11);
- C. Confession of a crime involving the violation of the antinarcotic laws of this State, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(7) and Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:10-7-4(27), 435:15-5-11(a)(7);
- D. The violation, or attempted violation, direct or indirect, of any of the provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervisions Act, either as a principal, accessory or accomplice, in violation of 59 O.S. 2011, § 509(13) and Okla. Admin. Code § 435:15-5-11(a)(7);
- E. Unauthorized possession or use of illegal or controlled substances or pharmacological agents without lawful authority or prescription by an authorized and licensed independent practitioner of the State of Oklahoma, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:30-1-10(12);
- F. Violation of the terms and conditions of probation instituted January 15, 2015 per 59 O.S. 2011, § 513(B); and

6. I hereby submit my wallet card and wall certificate as evidence of my intent to surrender my license.

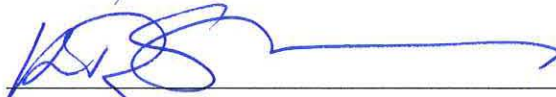
7. I hereby agree that I will not reapply for reinstatement of my Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Assistant license for a minimum of one year from the date this surrender is accepted by the Board. If the Board ever reinstates my Oklahoma Occupational Therapy Assistant license, I agree that it will be under terms of probation to be set by the Board at the time of reinstatement.

8. As a condition to accepting my surrender of license in lieu of prosecution, I acknowledge that the Board may require me to pay all costs expended by the Board for any legal fees and costs, and any investigation, probation and monitoring fees, including but not limited to staff time, salary and travel expense, witness fees and attorney fees.

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DATED this 23 day of AUGUST, 2016.

  
Karen Stevenson, OTA, License #1432

Subscribed and sworn before me this 23rd day of August, 2016.



  
Notary Public


My commission expires: 8-12-2020

**ACCEPTED:**



Billy H. Stout, M.D., Board Secretary  
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL  
LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

Dated: 9-22, 2016.

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OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION  
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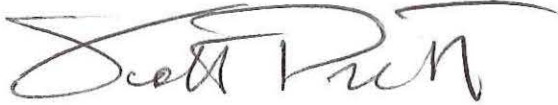
November 10, 2016

Dear Board Secretary Stout:

This office has received your request for a written Attorney General Opinion regarding agency action that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision intends to take in Board case 14-05-4968. The proposed action is to approve the voluntary surrender of an occupational therapist assistant license in lieu of prosecution. It was alleged that the licensee forged prescriptions to obtain Hydrocodone and Oxycodone. The licensee later admitted that between November 2015 and July 2016, the licensee created false prescriptions, forged physician signatures, and filled forged prescriptions at local pharmacies. Such conduct violated preexisting conditions of the Board, which conditions stemmed from drug-related/larceny arrests in 1999, 2003, 2004, and 2005 as well as allegations of substance use in violation of the Board's conditions.

The Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act, 59 O.S.2011 & Supp.2015, §§ 480–518.1, authorizes the Board to accept a surrender of a license from a licensee who has engaged in unprofessional conduct in lieu of Board staff prosecuting a pending disciplinary action or filing formal disciplinary proceedings, 59 O.S.2011, § 509.1(E). It is unprofessional conduct when an occupational therapy assistant violates “any lawful order, rule, or regulation rendered or adopted by the Board.” 59 O.S.Supp.2015, § 888.9(A)(4). The Board's rules prohibit “[d]ishonorable or immoral conduct that is likely to deceive, defraud, or harm the public”; “forging a prescription for medication/drugs, or presenting a forged prescription”; “[h]abitual intemperance or the habitual use of habit-forming drugs”; “[h]abitual intemperance or addicted use of any drug, chemical or substance that could result in behavior that interferes with the practice of occupational therapy and the responsibilities of the licensee”; and “[u]nauthorized possession or use of illegal or controlled substances or pharmacological agents without lawful authority or prescription by an authorized and licensed independent practitioner of the State of Oklahoma.” OAC 435:30-1-10(a)(2), (8), (9), (10), (11). The action enforces requirements ensuring the highest level of professional conduct from occupational therapy assistants. The Board may reasonably that accepting the voluntary surrender of the license is necessary to deter future violations.

It is, therefore, the official opinion of the Attorney General that the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision has adequate support for the conclusion that this action advances the State of Oklahoma's policy to safeguard the public health, safety and welfare by requiring occupational therapy assistants to meet minimum professional standards.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Pruitt". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "S" and "P".

E. SCOTT PRUITT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF OKLAHOMA