

**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, )  
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Plaintiff, )  
 )  
v. )  
 )  
STEVEN RALPH HENSON, M.D., )  
LICENSE NO. MD 23110, )  
 )  
Defendant. )

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 16-03-5293

**ORDER OF SUSPENSION OF MEDICAL LICENSE**

This matter came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision ("Board") on November 7, 2019, at the office of the Board, 101 N.E. 51<sup>st</sup> Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Joseph L. Ashbaker, Assistant Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the Plaintiff. Defendant appeared not. Kurt P. Kerns of Ariagno, Kerns, Mank & White L.L.C., attorney for Defendant appeared not.

The following exhibit was admitted into evidence without objection:

Plaintiff's Exhibit 1: Judgment in a Criminal Case, filed May 7, 2019,  
certified copy  
U.S. District Court, District of Kansas  
*United States of America v. Steven R. Henson*  
Case No. 6:16CR10018-001  
USM No. 27550-031

The Board considered representations of counsel, exhibit admitted into evidence and being fully apprised of the premises, makes the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and orders.

**Findings of Fact**

1. Steven Ralph Henson, M.D., holds Oklahoma medical license no. 23110, originally issued September 19, 2002.

**United States District Court, District of Kansas**  
**Case No. 6:16CR10018-001; USM No. 27550-031**

2. On March 8, 2019, a Judgment in a Criminal Case was entered in the U.S. District Court, District of Kansas, Case No. CR10018, USM No. 27550-031. Pursuant to Kansas laws, Defendant was found guilty of the following:

	Nature of Offense	Count
a.	Conspiracy to distribute, dispense and possess with the intent to distribute, prescription drugs, Class C Felony	1, 2
b.	Distribute, dispense and possess with the intent to distribute, prescription drugs, Class C Felony	3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16
c.	Distribute, dispense and possess with the intent to distribute, prescription drugs resulting in death, Class A Felony	17
d.	Making a false writing, Class D Felony	19
e.	Attempt to obstruct court order, Class A Misdemeanor	20
f.	Money laundering with intent to promote the carrying on of specified unlawful activity, Class C Felony	26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31

3. Defendant was committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons for Life.

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4. On April 18, 2019, a Verified Complaint and Citation were each filed. Hearing was set for November 7, 2019.
5. Defendant was served with the 2019 Complaint and Citation on April 24, 2019. A Return of Service was prepared by Oklahoma County Deputy Sheriff #123, and filed by the Board on April 26, 2019.
6. No written answer under oath has been filed.
7. Defendant failed to appear in person or through an attorney at the Board hearing on November 7, 2019. Defendant has not contacted the Board or Board's counsel since service of the Citation upon him.
8. At the November 7, 2019 Board meeting, AAG Ashbaker reviewed Defendant's conviction in Kansas, and presented a certified copy of a Judgment in a Criminal Case, as

Plaintiff's Exhibit 1. AAG Ashbaker recommended Defendant's license be suspended indefinitely, and Board staff will monitor any appeals processes.

### **Conclusions of Law**

9. Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physicians and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. § 480 *et seq.*, Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-1 *et seq.*
10. Notice was provided as required by law and the rules of the Board. 75 O.S. § 309; 59 O.S. § 504; Okla. Admin. Code §§ 435:3-3-5, 435:3-3-6.
11. The Board is authorized to suspend, revoke with or without the right to reapply, or order any other appropriate sanctions against the license of any physician or surgeon holding a license to practice medicine in the State of Oklahoma for unprofessional conduct. 59 O.S. §§ 503, 513(A)(1); Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-3. The Board's action is authorized by 59 O.S. §§ 509.1(A)(2), (F).
12. The Board found based on the evidence presented that the oral request for suspension of license pending appeals should be granted, and Defendant's license suspended indefinitely.
  - a. Conviction of any felony in or without the State of Oklahoma and whether in a state or federal court. 59 O.S. § 513(a)(2); Okla. Admin. Code § 435:5-1-5.2(a).

### **Orders**

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision as follows:

1. The Oklahoma medical license of **STEVEN RALPH HENSON, M.D.**, is **SUSPENDED INDEFINITELY**, effective from the date an approved Attorney General Opinion.
2. Promptly upon receipt of an invoice, Defendant shall pay all costs of this action authorized by law, including without limitation, legal fees, investigation costs, staff time, salary and travel expenses, witness fees and attorney's fees.
3. A copy of this Order shall be provided to Defendant as soon as it is processed.

**This Order is subject to review and approval by the Oklahoma Attorney General, and this Order shall become final upon completion of the review by the Oklahoma Attorney General unless disapproved, in which case this Order shall be null and void.**

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of DECEMBER, 2019.



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

**Certificate of Service**

This is to certify that on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2019, a true and correct copy of this Order was transmitted as indicated, postage prepaid, to the following:

*U.S. Certified Mail*

Steven Ralph Henson, Register Number 27550-031  
USP McCreary  
U.S. Penitentiary  
P.O. Box 3000  
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***Defendant***

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