

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

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA )  
EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD )  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE )  
AND SUPERVISION, )

OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF  
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Plaintiff, )

v. )

Case No. 01-10-2417

ROBERT EDWARD RINGROSE, M.D., )  
LICENSE NO. 8123 )

Defendant. )

**FINAL ORDER ISSUING LETTER OF CONCERN**

This cause came on for hearing before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (the "Board") on January 17, 2002, at the office of the Board, 5104 N. Francis, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, pursuant to notice given as required by law and the rules of the Board.

Elizabeth A. Scott, Assistant Attorney General, appeared for the plaintiff and defendant appeared in person and through counsel, Tom Adler.

The Board *en banc* after hearing arguments of counsel, reviewing the exhibits admitted and the sworn testimony of witnesses, and being fully advised in the premises, found that there is clear and convincing evidence to support the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

***Findings of Fact***

1. The Board 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 pursuant to 59 Okla. Stat. §480 *et seq.*

2. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter, and notice has been given in all respects in accordance with law and the rules of the Board.

3. Defendant, Robert Edward Ringrose, M.D., holds Oklahoma license no. 8123.

4. Defendant was the primary supervising physician for a physician assistant named David T. Abbott, Oklahoma P.A. license no. 230, from July 1, 2000 to the present.

5. During this period of time, Defendant allowed Mr. Abbott to write prescriptions for controlled dangerous substances without Mr. Abbott having obtained a DEA certificate.

6. Based on the allegations states above, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:

- A. Violated, directly or indirectly, the provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act, and the rules and regulations of the Board, either as a principal, accessory or accomplice in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §509(14) and OAC 435:10-7-4(39).
- B. Aided and abetted, directly or indirectly, the practice of medicine by a person not duly authorized under the laws of this state in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §509(15) and OAC 435:10-7-4(21).
- C. Failed to report Mr. Abbott's unprofessional conduct [OAC 435:10-7-4(27)] to the Board as required by OAC 435:10-7-4(43).

### *Conclusions of Law*

1. The Board has jurisdiction and authority over the Defendant and subject matter herein pursuant to the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act (the "Act") and its applicable regulations. The Board is authorized to enforce the Act as necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

2. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that he:

- A. Violated, directly or indirectly, the provisions of the Oklahoma Allopathic Medical and Surgical Licensure and Supervision Act, and the rules and regulations of the Board, either as a principal, accessory or accomplice in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §509(14) and OAC 435:10-7-4(39).
- B. Aided and abetted, directly or indirectly, the practice of medicine by a person not duly authorized under the laws of

this state in violation of 59 Okla. Stat. §509(15) and OAC 435:10-7-4(21).

- C. Failed to report Mr. Abbott's unprofessional conduct [OAC 435:10-7-4(27)] to the Board as required by OAC 435:10-7-4(43).


3. The Board further found that a letter of concern should be placed in Defendant's public file based upon his errant behavior and his violations of OAC 435:10-7-4(21), (39) and 43).

**Order**

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


- 1. Robert Edward Ringrose, M.D., Oklahoma license no. 8123, is hereby issued a **LETTER OF CONCERN** to be placed in his public file based upon his errant behavior.

Dated this 1 day of February, 2002.

  
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Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D., Secretary  
Oklahoma State Board of Medical  
Licensure and Supervision

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that on the 1 day of February, 2002, I mailed, via first class mail, postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of this Order Issuing Letter of Concern to Tom Adler, 330 N.W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street, First Floor, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.

  
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Janet Owens