

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS

IN RE: JOHN R. STEWART, D.D.S)
LICENSE NUMBER 8721)
)

ORDER SUMMARILY
SUSPENDING LICENSE

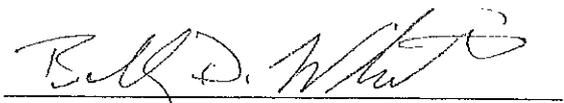
Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. 150B-31(c), the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners (Board) finds that the public health, safety and welfare require emergency action and hereby summarily suspends dental license number 8721 issued to John R. Stewart, D.D.S. (Respondent), effective upon service of the Order. This action is based on evidence that the Respondent was involuntarily committed to Scotland Memorial Hospital on December 14, 2010 with a blood alcohol level of .156 after overdosing on alcohol and benzodiazepines, that the admitting physician found that the Respondent was suicidal, that the Respondent was admitted to the Pavillon in Mill Spring, North Carolina on December 20, 2010 for an assessment, that he left against medical advice on December 21, 2010 before completing the assessment, and that Pavillon's medical staff found that he was not safe to practice dentistry.

Respondent shall immediately cease the practice of dentistry in North Carolina and surrender his license and current renewal certificate to the Board pending further order of the Board.

The Respondent has a right to a formal hearing before the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners. The matter will be heard by the Board at its next available meeting in Morrisville, North Carolina. The Respondent will be served with the Notice of Hearing in accordance with G.S. 150B-38(b), setting out the allegations to be heard and scheduling the time and date of the hearing.

This the 23rd day of December 2010.

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD
OF DENTAL EXAMINERS


Bobby D. White, Chief Operations Officer