

Official Minutes of the Kentucky Board of Dentistry

Date: July 8th, 2017

Motion: Dr. Christopher Steward violated KRS 313.100(9)
Consequently, the Board hereby permanently suspends
Dr. Steward's dental license no. 5322 pursuant to
KRS 313.100(9).

Made by:

Mary Ann Burch Jason E. Ford Louis M. Beto Brad Fulkerson
 Robert Zena Lucas Bowen Yvonne Bach Tonia Socha-Mower
 Adam Rich

Second By:

Mary Ann Burch Jason E. Ford Louis M. Beto Brad Fulkerson
 Robert Zena Lucas Bowen Yvonne Bach Tonia Socha-Mower
 Adam Rich

The Vote: Unanimous

Mary Ann Burch Jason E. Ford Louis M. Beto Brad Fulkerson
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NOTE: All yes
consensus

Commonwealth of Kentucky
Before the Kentucky Board of Dentistry
312 Whittington Parkway, Suite 101
Louisville, Kentucky 40222

Kentucky Board of Dentistry

Complainant

v.

**FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW
AND ORDER**

Dr. Christopher Steward, D.M.D.
(License No. 5322)

Respondent

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The above-styled matter having come before the Kentucky Board of Dentistry ("Board") upon recommendation of the Law Enforcement Committee by way of letter dated May 24, 2017, incorporated by way of reference herein, and the Board having met on July 8, 2017 to consider and vote on such recommendation, the Board hereby adopts the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order:

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Christopher Steward was issued a Kentucky license to practice dentistry on July 14th, 1981, the same being License Number 5322. Dr. Steward entered a guilty plea on May 3, 2016 in Federal Court in the matter of USA v. Christopher Steward, U.S.D.C., Western District of Kentucky, Bowling Green Division, Criminal Action No.: 1:16-CR-00014-GNS. In that matter, Dr. Steward was charged with engaging in various criminal activity principally involving the improper writing of prescriptions for controlled substances which were filled by third parties and returned to Mr. Steward [Counts I-VI], and health care fraud [Count VII]. Mr. Steward signed a guilty plea admitting to the following federal offenses:

Count I: Title 21 USC 843(a)(3) [not more than 4 years]

Count II: Title 21 USC 841(a)(1) [not more than 20 years] and 841(b)(1)(C) [not more than 20 years]

Count III: Title 21 USC 841(a)(1) [not more than 20 years] and 841(b)(1)(C) [not more than 20 years]

Count IV: Title 21 USC 843(a)(3) [not more than 4 years] and 846 [not more than 20 years]

Count V: Title: 21 USC 843(a)(3) [not more than 4 years] and 846 [not more than 20 years]

Count VI: Title 21 USC 841(a)(1) [not more than 20 years] and 841(b)(2) [not more than 20 years]

Count VII: Title 21 USC 1347 [not more than 10 years]

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing was this _____ day of _____, 2017 mailed to the following:

Christopher Steward, Register Number 18319-033
FCI Terre Haute
Federal Correctional Institution
P.O. Box 33
Terre Haute, IN 47808

Executive Secretary

In addition to pleading guilty, Dr. Steward agreed to forfeit to the government a 2009 Ford F-150, as well as the real property located at 212 Broadway Street, Cave City, Kentucky 42127, where he kept his dental practice. Dr. Steward acknowledged in the plea agreement, incorporated by reference herein, that the offenses he pled guilty to carried a combined maximum term of imprisonment of 67 years, and a combined maximum fine of \$3,250,000, in addition to 3 years to life of supervised release. Dr. Steward initially argued that he was not competent to stand trial but was ultimately found to be sufficiently competent to stand trial. The Federal Court thereafter accepted Dr. Steward's guilty plea. Dr. Steward also held a nursing certificate which has now been permanently revoked based on the same circumstances as set out above. Dr. Steward is presently serving his sentence at the Federal Correctional Institution at Terre Haute, Register Number 18319-033.

Pursuant to its authority, the Law Enforcement Committee ("LEC") investigated these circumstances and issued an immediate and temporary order suspending Dr. Steward's dental license. Upon further investigation, the LEC now recommends the Board take final action.

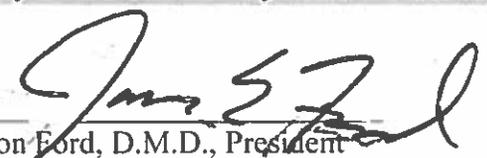
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

KRS 313.021 grants the Board the exclusive authority to exercise the administrative functions of the Commonwealth in the regulation of the profession of dentistry, including, but not limited to, the licensure of dentists and authority to carry such related duties delineated in KRS Chapter 313. KRS 313.100(9) provides that if a "person who is licensed or registered by the board has been convicted of, pled guilty to, or entered an Alford plea to a Class A, B, or C felony offense, or has completed a diversion program for a Class A, B, or C felony offense, the license or registration shall be revoked." (emphasis added).

ORDER

Based upon the foregoing, upon majority vote the Kentucky Board of Dentistry finds that Dr. Christopher Steward violated KRS 313.100(9). Consequently, the Board hereby permanently suspends Dr. Steward's dental license no. 5322 pursuant to KRS 313.100(9). This is a final order and is appealable to the Franklin Circuit Court pursuant to KRS 313.100(10).

Kentucky Board of Dentistry

By: 
Dr. Jason Ford, D.M.D., President
Kentucky Board of Dentistry