

**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF NATUROPATHY**

In the Matter of:

MARK C. MONWAI,  
Credential No. NATU.NT.00001107,

Respondent.

Master Case No. M2014-1218

EX PARTE ORDER OF  
SUMMARY ACTION

PRESIDING OFFICER: Jerry D. Mitchell, Health Law Judge

BOARD PANEL: Dr. Dean Neary, ND, Panel Chair  
Eric Dickerson, Public Member (ProTem)  
Dr. Elizabeth Prater, ND

This matter came before the Board of Naturopathy (Board) on July 21, 2015, on an Ex Parte Motion for Order of Summary Action (Ex Parte Motion) brought by the Naturopathy Program of the Department of Health (Department) through the Office of the Attorney General. The Department issued an Amended Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(1), (4), (7), (10), (13), (14), and (22), and RCW 48.80.030(3). The Board, after reviewing the Amended Statement of Charges, Ex Parte Motion, and supporting evidence, GRANTS the Ex Parte Motion. CREDENTIAL *SUSPENDED* pending further action.

**1. FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.1 Respondent is a naturopathic physician, credentialed by the state of Washington at all times applicable to this matter.

1.2 The Department issued an Amended Statement of Charges alleging Respondent violated RCW 18.130.180(1), (4), (7), (10), (13), (14), and (22), and

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RCW 48.80.030(3). The Amended Statement of Charges was accompanied by all other documents required by WAC 246-11-250.

1.3 As set forth in the allegations in the Amended Statement of Charges, as well as the Ex Parte Motion, the Board finds that abuse of a position of trust, a significant false billing practice, his plea of guilty to two class C felonies of False Insurance Claim, and repeated instances of obstructing the Board's investigation, as alleged here and supported by the attached declarations and exhibits, justifies making a determination of immediate danger and a decision to immediately suspend the credential until a hearing on the matter can be held.

1.4 The above allegations, supported by the declarations of Russell Holm; Michael Friebel; and Thomas F. Graham, AAG, together with the attached exhibits, justify the determination of immediate danger in this case and a decision to immediately suspend the credential until a hearing on the matter is held.

## **2. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2.1 The Board has jurisdiction over Respondent's credential to practice as a naturopathic physician. RCW 18.130.040.

2.2 The Board has authority to take emergency adjudicative action to address an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare. RCW 34.05.422(4); RCW 34.05.479; RCW 18.130.050(8); and WAC 246-11-300.

2.3 The Findings of Fact establish the existence of an immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare if Respondent has an unrestricted credential. The

Findings of Fact establish that the requested summary action is necessary and adequately addresses the danger to the public health, safety, or welfare.

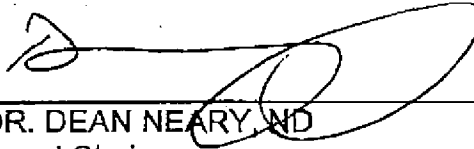
### 3. ORDER

3.1 Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, it is ORDERED that Respondent's credential to practice as a naturopathic physician is SUMMARILY SUSPENDED pending further disciplinary proceedings by the Board.

3.2 It is HEREBY ORDERED that a protective order in this case is GRANTED. All healthcare information and non-conviction data contained in the Ex Parte Motion, Declaration, and attached exhibits shall not be released except as provided in Chapter 70.02 RCW and Chapter 10.97 RCW. RCW 34.05.446(1), WAC246-11-400(2), and (5).

Dated this 21 day of July, 2015.

*Board of Naturopathy*

  
DR. DEAN NEARY, ND  
Panel Chair

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