STATE OF RHODE DISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DAVID R. GIFFORD, MD, MPH, IN HIS CAPACITY
AS DIRECTOR OF HEALTH

2005-42

V. DEN 44-05

STEVEN M KENYON

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

This matter came to the attention of the Rhode Island Department of Health, Board of Examiners in Dentistry through several sources: a telephone call from a dental hygienist employed by Dr. Kenyon who had witnessed the incident, a telephone call from officers within the Warwick Police Department, and a formal complaint filed by the mother of the victim. Information obtained from the Warwick Police Department indicated that Steven Kenyon, DMD was arrested on October 21, 2005 and charged with one count of simple assault. Pursuant to section 5-31.1-11 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, the Board of Examiners in Dentistry investigated this matter. After consideration of the information contained in the Warwick Police Department report dated October 21, 2005, Committee I determined the following findings of fact:

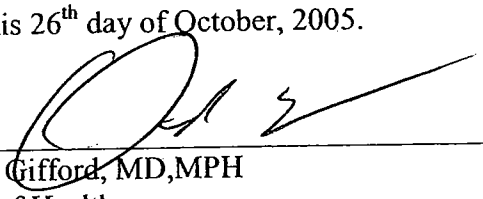
1. The Respondent, Steven M. Kenyon, DMD, is a dentist licensed in the State of Rhode Island, practicing dentistry at 2212 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886.
2. The Respondent was arraigned in court on October 21, 2005 on charges of simple assault upon a minor; to wit, that on September 12, 2005, the Respondent slapped, pushed and forcibly restrained an 8 year old patient, and further, he did assault the patient verbally.
3. The actions identified by the Warwick Police are substantiated by witnesses who were present at the time.
4. Such conduct by the Respondent constitutes an immediate danger to the public health welfare and safety, and in particular, to patients of the Respondent.

ORDER

After considering the recommendations of the Investigating Committee, together with information contained in the report of the Warwick Police Department, the formal complaint and witness statements, I find the continuation in the practice of dentistry of Steven M. Kenyon, DMD, would constitute an immediate danger to the public health, welfare and safety, and in particular, to patients of the Respondent. Accordingly, the

license to practice dentistry held by Steven M. Kenyon is hereby suspended effective at 5:00 pm on October 26, 2005 and continuing until further Order of the Board of Examiners in Dentistry. Pursuant to section 5-31.1-19 of the General Laws, the Respondent is entitled to a hearing within 10 days of the date hereof. A hearing is herby scheduled for Wednesday, November 2, 2005 at 11:00 am in Room 404 of the Cannon Building, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, RI 02908.

Signed this 26th day of October, 2005.



David R. Gifford, MD,MPH
Director of Health

CERTIFICATION

I certify that a copy of the within Order was hand delivered to the Respondent's counsel of record, Mark P. Dolan, Esq., 170 Westminster Street, Providence, RI on October 26, 2005 at _____pm.

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