



January 22, 2020

Christine Lally, Interim Executive Director  
Denise Pines, President  
The Medical Board of California  
2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1200  
Sacramento, CA. 95815

Re: Immediate Suspension of Dr. Jason Helliwell's Medical License A 74796

Dear Ms. Lally and Ms. Pines,

A dangerous doctor is on the loose in Bakersfield after what would seem to be clear violations of his probation. On behalf of Consumer Watchdog, we call upon you to immediately suspend his medical license.

On January 10, 2020, a patient died while under the care of Dr. Jason Paul Helliwell. Dr. Helliwell was on probation and has again abused his license by ordering two injections (above the toxic dosage) of Fentanyl to a full-term pregnant 27-year old woman that presented in labor at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield, California. While the patient, who was only 2 cm dilated, was told she would be sent home, Dr. Helliwell decided to admit her to the hospital and ordered a second injection of Fentanyl. Following the second injection, the patient passed out, suffered a seizure, and became unresponsive. An emergency C-section was conducted, the baby survived, and the patient died.

Dr. Helliwell has a long history of dishonesty, negligence, sexual misconduct, and criminal conduct. As a Board, you have been aware of Dr Helliwell's negligence since June 2011 when you issued a Public Letter of Reprimand against his medical license. Since then, he has harmed at least six patients and had ongoing sexual encounters with another. Upon information and belief, he has harmed more than that, some of which did not complain or lead to public discipline.

The negligence he committed against other women are related to the recent death of a 27-year old woman. On March 24, 2014, Dr. Helliwell committed an extreme departure from the practice of medicine when he injected a non-liposuction patient with medication above the toxic dosage. Less than a month later, Dr. Helliwell committed yet another extreme departure from the practice of

medicine when he injected a different patient with medicine above the toxic dosage on April 15, 2014.

Dr. Helliwell has shown not only extreme negligence as a physician but also a critical lack of ethical judgement when he engaged in repeated sexual encounters from January 2011 through February 2013 with a 23-year-old patient. He would meet his patient in various locations including his medical office for sex. When Dr. Helliwell would engage in sexual intercourse with his young patient, he would pay her cash for the encounter. It is unfathomable that Dr. Helliwell has been allowed to continue to practice medicine.

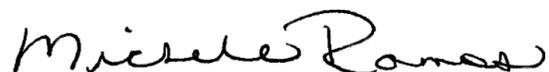
In addition to the negligence and sexual misconduct, Dr. Helliwell was recently arrested on September 9, 2019. Kern County Court records show that Jason Helliwell Court Case # BF178139A has been charged with 32 felony counts ranging from grand theft property, scheming to defraud a health program, and conspiring to commit a crime. In September 2015, Dr. Helliwell's Bakersfield medical office was raided by state insurance investigators. According to California Business and Professions Code 802.1, he was required to report to your board that felony charges had been filed against him. Whether Dr. Helliwell reported the 32 felony charges filed against him or not, he should have had his license revoked at that time. Certainly, there is no question that he violated his probation as contemplated by paragraph 13 of the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.

To protect California consumers, you must suspend Dr. Jason Helliwell's medical license immediately. While on probation, Dr. Helliwell was charged with 32 felonies and has been found to be grossly negligent in the cases of no less than six patients. Dr. Helliwell is a clear and present danger to patients. The lives of Bakersfield women are at risk. It is time to protect them by taking immediate action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Court".

Jamie Court

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Ramos".

Michele Ramos