

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD**

2 In the Matter of  
3 **STEVEN W. HELLAND, M.D.**  
4 Holder of License No. 16343  
5 For the Practice of Allopathic Medicine  
6 In the State of Arizona.

Case No. MD-11-0061A

**INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,  
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER FOR  
SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE**

7 **INTRODUCTION**

8 The above-captioned matter came on for discussion before the Arizona Medical  
9 Board ("Board") at an emergency Board teleconference meeting on January 19, 2011.  
10 After reviewing relevant information and deliberating, the Board voted to consider  
11 proceedings for a summary action against Steven W. Helland, M.D.'s ("Respondent")  
12 license. Having considered the information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board  
13 enters the following Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary  
14 Suspension of License, pending formal hearings or other Board action. A.R.S. § 32-  
15 1451(D).

16 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

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18 1. The Board is the duly constituted authority for the regulation and control of  
19 the practice of allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona.

20 2. Respondent is the holder of License No. 16343 for the practice of allopathic  
21 medicine in the State of Arizona.

22 3. On January 14, 2011, Board staff received notification from Respondent's  
23 attorney that Respondent was indicted in Navajo County Superior Court on January 11,  
24 2011 before a grand jury on two counts of sexual conduct with a minor, two counts of  
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1 indecent exposure, and eight counts of child molestation for a total of twelve felony counts.

2 The attorney reported that the child involved was not a patient of Respondent.

3 4. The indictment shows that Respondent has been charged with twelve felony  
4 counts arising from sexual acts with a child. The indictment alleges that between  
5 September 1 through November 15, 2010, Respondent intentionally or knowingly engaged  
6 in the following acts with an eight-year old child: Oral sexual contact (two counts of Sexual  
7 Conduct with a Minor, a class two felony in the first degree); Exposure of genitals or anus  
8 (two counts of Indecent Exposure, a class six felony); Other sexual contact or conduct  
9 (eight counts of Child Molestation, a class two felony).

10 **INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

11 1. The Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter hereof and over  
12 Respondent, holder of License No. 16343 for the practice of allopathic medicine in the  
13 State of Arizona.

14 2. The conduct and circumstances described above constitute unprofessional  
15 conduct pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1401(27) (d) (“[co]mmitting a felony, whether or not  
16 involving moral turpitude, or a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. In either case,  
17 conviction by any court of competent jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive  
18 evidence of the commission.”),

19 3. Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of  
20 Law, the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action. A.R.S. §  
21 32-1451(D).

22 **INTERIM ORDER**

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24 Based on the foregoing Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, set forth  
25 above,

1 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

2 1. Respondent's license to practice allopathic medicine in the State of Arizona,  
3 License No. 16343, is summarily suspended.

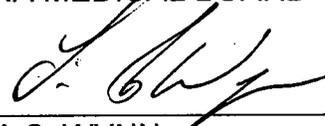
4 2. The Interim Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law constitute written notice  
5 to Respondent of the charges of unprofessional conduct made by the Board against him.  
6 Respondent is entitled to a formal hearing to defend these charges as expeditiously as  
7 possible after the issuance of this order.

8 3. The Board's Executive Director is instructed to refer this matter to the Office  
9 of Administrative Hearings for scheduling of an administrative hearing to be commenced as  
10 expeditiously as possible from the date of the issuance of this order, unless stipulated and  
11 agreed otherwise by Respondent.

12 DATED this 21<sup>st</sup> day of JANUARY, 2011.



ARIZONA MEDICAL BOARD

By: 

LISA S. WYNN  
Executive Director

17 ORIGINAL of the foregoing filed this  
18 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2011 with:

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22 EXECUTED COPY of the foregoing  
23 Mailed by US Mail this 21<sup>st</sup> day January 2011 to:

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