

**IN THE MATTER OF  
ADAM SLATNISKE, D.D.S.**

**Respondent**

**License Number: 16610**

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**BEFORE THE MARYLAND**

**STATE BOARD OF**

**DENTAL EXAMINERS**

**Case Number: 2020-056**

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION  
OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY**

The Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **ADAM SLATNISKE, D.D.S.** (the “Respondent”), License Number 16610, to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland. The Board takes such action pursuant to its authority under: Md. Code Regs. (“COMAR”) 10.44.07.24, determining that there is a substantial likelihood that the Respondent poses a risk of harm to the public health, safety, or welfare; and Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2019 Supp.), concluding that the public health, safety and welfare imperatively require emergency action.

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

The Board bases its action on the following findings:<sup>1</sup>

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland and practiced at a private practice located in Baltimore County, Maryland (the “Practice”). The Respondent was initially licensed on July 23, 2018. His license is current through June 30, 2020.

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent’s conduct identified herein are intended to provide the Respondent with reasonable notice of the asserted facts. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent.



2. On or about November 5, 2019, the Board received correspondence (the “Complaint”) from a detective in the Carroll County Sherriff’s Department regarding the Respondent.

3. Also on November 5, 2019, the owner of the Practice, who was the Respondent’s employer, contacted the Board and advised that the Respondent had been arrested earlier in the day and terminated from his employment at the Practice. Based on the Complaints, the Board began an investigation.

4. According to court documents subsequently obtained by the Board’s investigator, on November 5, 2019, the Respondent was the charged in the District Court of Maryland for Carroll County with the following criminal offenses:

- (a) 2 Felony Counts from incident of 1/16/19, Promotion and Distribution of Child Pornography, in violation of Md. Code. Ann., Crim. Law § 11-207(a)(4);
- (b) 1 Felony Count, from incident of 1/29/19, Promotion and Distribution of Child Pornography, in violation of Md. Code. Ann., Crim. Law § 11-207(a)(4);
- (c) 1 Felony Count from incident of 2/11/19, Promotion and Distribution of Child Pornography, in violation of Md. Code. Ann., Crim. Law § 11-207(a)(4);
- (d) 1 Felony Count from incident of 2/16/19, Promotion and Distribution of Child Pornography, in violation of Md. Code. Ann., Crim. Law § 11-207(a)(4);
- (e) 2 Misdemeanor Counts from incident of 1/16/19, Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of Md. Code. Ann., Crim. Law § 11-208;
- (f) 1 Misdemeanor Count from incident of 1/29/19, Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of Md. Code. Ann., Crim. Law § 11-208;



- (g) 1 Misdemeanor Count from incident of 2/11/19, Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of Md. Code. Ann., Crim. Law § 11-208; and
- (h) 1 Misdemeanor Count from incident of 2/19/19, Possession of Child Pornography, in violation of Md. Code. Ann., Crim. Law § 11-208.

5. According to police records obtained in furtherance of the investigation, the Respondent was using an online social network platform to view and share pornographic images and videos of minor children.

6. The social network reported the Respondent's suspected conduct to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, which forwarded the report to the Carroll County Sheriff's Department. Although the Respondent used a pseudonym on the social network, the Respondent was identified by several specific pieces of identifying information including the IP address of his home network, his phone number, and his email address.

7. Based on the report, the Carroll County Sheriff's Department obtained a warrant for the content on the social network account of the Respondent. The content obtained included numerous images and videos of child pornography as well as messages sent by the Respondent seeking to obtain and share such material from and with other users.

8. According to police records, among the numerous inappropriate files were videos in which naked female children with no pubic hair and undeveloped breasts are made to perform sexual acts on camera, including the following:

- (a) A naked female child masturbates with a hairbrush;



- (b) A naked female child digitally penetrates her vagina;
- (c) A female child in a school uniform undresses and turns away from the camera. The child bends forward at the waist exposing her vagina and anus to the camera. The child then sits in a chair and spread her legs apart, exposing her vagina;
- (d) A female child who removes her clothing. The child turns around and bends forward, exposing her anus and vagina. Later, the child also rubs her vagina with her hand; and
- (e) A female undresses herself. The child touches her vagina numerous times and spreads her buttocks apart to expose her anus.

9. On or about November 4, 2019, the Carroll County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant at the Respondent's residence. During the raid, several electronic items were seized and the Respondent was interviewed, after having waived his Miranda rights, according to the report.

10. The Respondent admitted posting child pornography, and that he knew the children shown in the images and videos were minors due to his education and the fact that he works with children. He stated, "Pubic hair is a sign of puberty..."

11. When asked his motivation for possessing and sharing such material, the Respondent stated, "Mainly because people say I can't, so it piqued my interest."

12. In addition, the Respondent admitted to accessing the material while he was at the Practice.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, and pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2018 Supp.), the Board concludes that the public health, safety, and welfare imperatively require this emergency



action of summary suspension. In addition, pursuant to COMAR 10.44.07.24, the Board concludes that there is a substantial likelihood that the Respondent poses a risk of harm to the public health, safety, or welfare.

**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing, it is by the Board hereby:

**ORDERED** that the Respondent's license to practice dentistry in the State of Maryland, under License Number 16610, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled at the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting, not to exceed thirty (30) days from the Board's receipt, at which the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to why the Order for the Summary Suspension should not continue; and it is further

**ORDERED** that if the Respondent files a written request for a Show Cause Hearing and fails to appear, the Board shall uphold and continue the Summary Suspension; and it is further

**ORDERED** that upon service of this Order for Summary Suspension, the Respondent shall immediately surrender to the Board all indicia of licensure to practice dentistry issued by the Board that are in his possession, including but not limited to his original license, renewal certificates, and wallet size license; and it is further



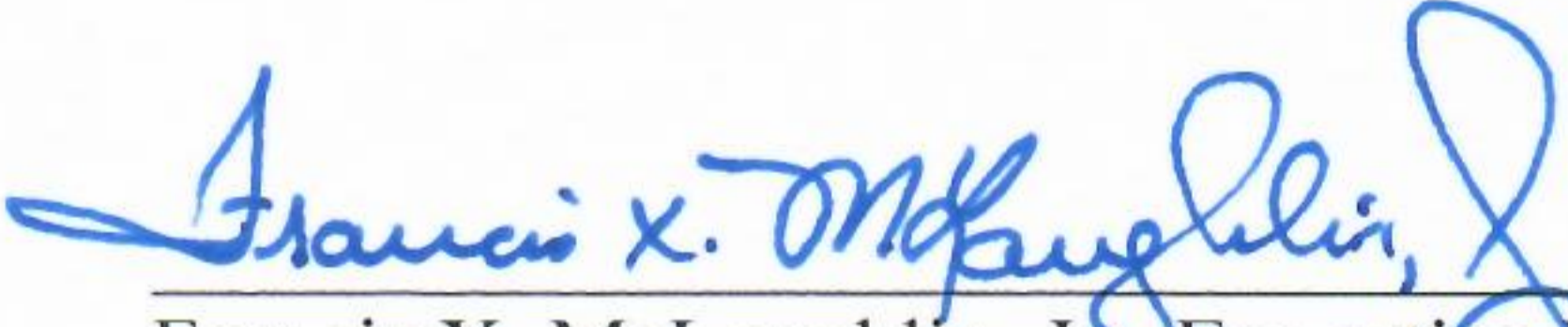
**ORDERED** that this document constitutes an Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. Code Ann., General Provisions §§ 4-101 through 4-601 (2019 Repl. Vol.).

**NOTICE OF HEARING**

Following the Board's receipt of a written request for a Show Cause Hearing filed by the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing will be held at the offices of the Maryland Board of Dental Examiners, Spring Grove Hospital Center, Benjamin Rush Building, 55 Wade Avenue, Catonsville, Maryland 21228. The Show Cause Hearing will be scheduled for the Board's next regularly scheduled meeting, not to exceed thirty (30) days.

At the conclusion of the Show Cause Hearing held before the Board, the Respondent, if dissatisfied with the result of the hearing, may, within ten (10) days, file a written request for an evidentiary hearing. Unless otherwise agreed to by the parties, the Board shall provide a hearing within forty-five (45) days of the Respondent's written request. The Board shall conduct an evidentiary hearing under the contested case provisions of Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-210 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2019 Supp.).

November 19, 2019  
Date

  
Francis X. McLaughlin, Jr., Executive Director  
Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners