

**IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.,)	
THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF DENTISTRY,)	
Plaintiff)	
)	
vs.)	Case No: 23-40 C
)	
ABIGAYLE KNIGHT DA #13454)	
Respondent)	

**AGREED ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY
SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

This cause comes before the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry (the "Board") on June 14, 2024, at the meeting of the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry, held at 2920 N. Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105, pursuant to notice given as required by law and rules of the Board.

Plaintiff, the State of Oklahoma, ex rel. the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry by and through its Executive Director and attorney, Susan Rogers and the Respondent, **ABIGAYLE KNIGHT DA #13454** who does not appear.

The Board en banc after hearing arguments of counsel, reviewing the exhibits admitted and the sworn testimony of witnesses, and being fully advised in the premises, found that there is clear and convincing evidence to support the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

AGREEMENT AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT BY RESPONDENT

By voluntarily submitting to jurisdiction and entering into this Order, Respondent accepts and pleads guilty to the complaint and citation filed herein as recommended by the investigation and review panel and acknowledges that a hearing before the Board would result in an initiation of an individual action and some sanction under the Oklahoma State Dental Practices Act.

Respondent, **ABIGAYLE KNIGHT DA #13454**, states that she is of sound mind and is not under the influence of, or impaired by, any medication or drug and that she fully recognizes her right to appear before the Board for a formal initiation of an action and an evidentiary hearing on the allegations made against her. Respondent hereby voluntarily waives her right to a full hearing, submits to the jurisdiction of the Board and agrees to abide by the terms and conditions of this Order. Respondent acknowledges that she has read and understands the terms and conditions stated herein.

Respondent and Attorneys for the Board stipulate to the following findings of fact; The Board heard statements of counsel, reviewed the exhibits presented, and being fully apprised in the premises, finds that there is clear and convincing evidence of the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Orders:

STIPULATIONS AND AGREED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. **ABIGAYLE KNIGHT**, currently possesses Oklahoma Dental Assistant permit DA #13454.
2. Respondent **ABIGAYLE KNIGHT**, is the subject of a complaint, Case No: 23-40 C.
3. The Board pursuant to the Oklahoma State Dental Practices Act 59 O.S. § 328.1 et. seq is a duly authorized State Agency empowered to license and oversee the activities of all persons practicing dentistry or hygiene pursuant to the act in the State of Oklahoma.
4. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter herein, and notice has been given in all respects as required by law and the rules of the Board.
5. **ABIGAYLE KNIGHT** originally received her dental assistant permit #13454 on August 20, 2021 and has not been before this Board on a complaint prior to this.
6. Respondent acknowledges that this agreement is freely and voluntarily made, and the Respondent has not been subject to duress or coercion.
7. Respondent has been apprised of her right to seek counsel on this matter and is fully aware of the consequences of this agreement.
8. The Respondent submits herself to the jurisdiction of the Board and, waives all rights to a hearing appeal and any other claim in a court having jurisdiction over any part of this matter.
9. A complaint was received on April 10, 2023, regarding Jarred Dewbre, D.D.S., and an allegation that his office was allowing dental assistants to take x-rays (radiographs/radiation safety), perform coronal polishing, placing sealants and leaving patients un-monitored while on nitrous all while not having the expanded functions to perform the functions.
10. Dr. Howl assigned Dr. Jeff Lunday and Rachel Ostberg R.D.H., as the review panel and Investigator Steve Lowe was assigned to the case.
11. On or about October 18, 2023, Investigator Lowe contacted Dr. JARRED DEWBRE, D.D.S., at his office in Edmond, Oklahoma. Investigator Lowe informed Dr. Dewbre the reason for the visit, the nature of the complaint and provided Dr. Dewbre with a copy of the complaint.

12. After looking at the names of dental assistants on the complaint, Dr. Dewbre advised that dental assistant Z.C. had only worked for him for a couple of weeks and was no longer there, and three other dental assistants, S.K., ABIGAYLE KNIGHT and A.B. currently worked as dental assistants in his office.
13. Dr. Dewbre stated that he believed dental assistant ABIGAYLE KNIGHT had four expanded functions, x-ray, coronal polishing, sealants and nitrous oxide. Dr. Dewbre advised that dental assistant S.K. had been taking supervised x-rays and confirmed S.K. had only taken the class but had yet to pass the test nor received any document from the Board that would allow her to take the supervised x-rays. Dr. Dewbre stated since he was supervising the x-rays, he thought it would be acceptable.
14. Investigator Lowe explained the process of obtaining dental assistant expanded function permits and told Dr. Dewbre that without the expanded function permits a dental assistant could only assist chairside, hand instruments to the doctor, assist with suction, and various other things but they could not take x-rays, coronal polish, assist with nitrous, or place sealants without the expanded function permits.
15. Investigator Lowe interviewed the three dental assistants. Dental assistant A.B. advised that she had taken the x-ray course but had not been taking x-rays until she completed her permit and she had not worked at the office very long. Dental assistant S.K. received her initial permit from the Board approximately a year ago. She advised that she had taken the x-ray course but did not have her expanded function issued from the board. DA S.K. admitted to taking over 100 x-rays, performing coronal polishing and placing sealants on over 100 patients. Dental Assistant ABIGAYLE KNIGHT has expanded duty functions for x-ray, coronal polishing and sealants but not nitrous. DA ABIGAYLE KNIGHT admitted to assisting Dr. Dewbre during appointments when nitrous was used but denied ever touching the knobs. DA ABIGAYLE KNIGHT admitted to monitoring patients while they were on nitrous and while Dr. Dewbre was not in the room.
16. After completing the interviews with the dental assistants, Investigator Lowe advised Dr. Dewbre that DA. S.K. had admitted to coronal polishing and placing sealants on over 100 patients. Dr. Dewbre advised he thought that was acceptable if he was standing by her or was in the operatory while she did it. Investigator Lowe also told Dr. Dewbre that DA ABIGAYLE KNIGHT did not have a nitrous expanded function permit and she had admitted to being left alone in an operatory to monitor patients and that she could not do that absent the expanded function permit. Dr. Dewbre advised he thought DA ABIGAYLE KNIGHT had that expanded function as well.
17. A copy of the statement of complaint is attached as "Exhibit A" and is incorporated herein by reference;
18. The Respondent has taken full responsibility for his actions at this time and has asked to enter into this agreed order.

19. Respondent acknowledges and admits violations of the following rules and laws:

CT. I – GROUNDS FOR PENALTIES 59 O.S. § 328.32 (A)(5) – Performing a function for which a permit is expired. Specifically for assisting with the administration of Nitrous Oxide without the required expanded function permit.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent the subject matter herein pursuant to the Oklahoma State Dental Act 59 O.S. § 328.1 et. seq and the Board of Dentistry Rules and Regulations, Title 195 et. seq.
2. Based on the foregoing facts and admissions, the Board finds that Respondent committed violations of

CT. I – GROUNDS FOR PENALTIES 59 O.S. § 328.32 (A)(5) – Performing a function for which a permit is expired. Specifically for assisting with the administration of Nitrous Oxide without the required expanded function permit during the period of October 17, 2022 through October 17, 2023.

AGREED ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry as follows:

1. There is NO ACTION against the license of Respondent, ABIGAYLE KNIGHT'S Dental Assisting permit at this time. The Board does not consider this a patient care issue, but an administrative violation.
2. Respondent is assessed a \$250.00 fine for counts I. The Respondent is ordered to pay the fine within one year of the date of this order.
3. Respondent will conduct her practice in compliance with all other State Laws and Regulations under the Oklahoma Dental Practices Act;
4. Respondent will not violate any State or Federal law;
5. This order may be reportable to the National Practitioner Data Bank.
6. Respondent will keep the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry informed of her current address.
7. Failure to meet any terms of the Board Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Respondent's license after due notice and hearing.


Bobby Carmen, D.D.S., Board President,
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

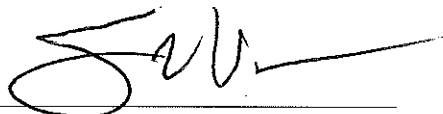
Panel Members

Dr. Jeff Lunday

Rachel Ostberg R.D.H.,

AGREED AND APPROVED:


ABIGAYLE KNIGHT #DA13454
Pro Se


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Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry
Attorney for the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry

