

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

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, ex rel.,
THE OKLAHOMA BOARD OF DENTISTRY,
Plaintiff

vs.

RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant
Permit #DA8590

Respondent

Case No: 24-44

**AGREED ORDER ACCEPTING VOLUNTARY
SUBMITTAL TO JURISDICTION**

This cause came on for hearing 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 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, **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, Oklahoma permit #DA8590, 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, **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, 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:

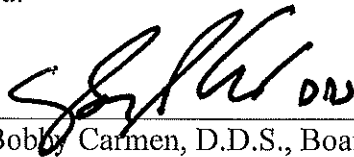
STIPULATIONS AND AGREED FINDINGS OF FACT

1. **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, Oklahoma permit #DA8590 issued June 28, 2017.
2. Respondent **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, Oklahoma permit #DA8590 is the subject of a complaint, Case #24-44. This complaint referenced concern that Dental Assistant Underwood was consuming narcotics and the safety concerns of her working on patient's teeth.
3. As a result of the investigation and the admission of the Respondent, the Board Review Panel requested Dental Assistant Underwood to seek a substance abuse evaluation for the purposes of patient safety. This request was presented to DA Underwood, who elected to voluntarily surrender her dental assistant permit in lieu of participating in this evaluation. **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant Permit #DA8590** is voluntarily surrendering her dental assistant permit at this time.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, has not been before this Board on a complaint prior to this.
7. Respondent acknowledges that this agreement is freely and voluntarily made, and the Respondent has not been subject to duress or coercion.
8. Respondent has been apprised of her right to seek counsel on this matter and is fully aware of the consequences of this agreement.
9. 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.
10. The Respondent, **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, Oklahoma permit #DA8590 is voluntarily surrendering her permit.
11. The Respondent **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, may seek reinstatement of her permit upon completion of an evaluation by the physicians at the Oklahoma Health Professionals Program declaring that Dental Assistant Underwood is safe to practice.
12. The Respondent will need to have a full evaluation by the physicians at the Oklahoma Health Professionals Program prior to returning to the Board to request a reinstatement and provide said evaluation to the Board.

AGREED ORDER

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

1. The Board accepts the voluntary emergency surrender of the license of **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, Oklahoma permit #DA8590.
2. The license of **RYAN UNDERWOOD, Dental Assistant**, Oklahoma permit #DA8590 is hereby surrendered.
3. The Respondent, upon receiving clearance from the Oklahoma Health Professionals Program (OHPP), advising the Board that she is released and able to practice safely, may seek a reinstatement from the Board.

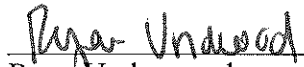


Bobby Carmen, D.D.S., Board President,
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

Panel Members

Dr. Krista Jones
Sheriff Andy Simmons

AGREED AND APPROVED:



Ryan Underwood
Respondent



Susan Rogers, OBA# 15497
Executive Director
Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry
Attorney for the Oklahoma State Board of Dentistry

