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February 2, 1995

CERTIFIED/RETURN RECEIPT MAIL

Dr. Scott M. Jensen
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Dear Dr. Jensen:

This is to inform you that the Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has considered all of the information gathered as a result of our investigation regarding your treatment of Connie King. This information establishes that on October 29, 1992, Ms. King presented to your dental practice with pain in her lower left quadrant. Physical exam revealed pericoronitis associated with soft tissue impacted tooth #17. You advised her to have teeth numbers 1, 16, 17 and 32 extracted. Ms. King accepted your treatment plan and returned on October 30, 1992 for the recommended extractions. Teeth numbers 1, 16 and 17 were extracted with no difficulties. However, tooth #T was mistaken for tooth #30 and as a result, tooth #31 was extracted instead of tooth #32.

Based on the information available, it is the Panel's opinion that you have violated the standard of care for dentists practicing in North Carolina by extracting the wrong tooth. For this reason, the Board proposes to officially reprimand you. An official reprimand would include a copy of this letter being placed in your permanent file, a summary of the Board's findings included in the Board's next Newsletter, and notification of the reprimand sent to the National Practitioner Data Bank.

If you do not wish to accept this reprimand you have a right to request a formal hearing. This request must be in writing, and must be made within thirty (30) days of the receipt of this letter. Please indicate your acceptance of the reprimand by signing below and returning this letter to the Board office.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Ms. Terry Friddle, Investigations Coordinator, at the Board office in Raleigh. Thank you for your cooperation with the Board during its investigation of this matter.


Very truly yours,

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cc: Mr. Ralph McDonald, Board Counsel