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August 14, 2009

Timothy E. Gillespie, D.M.D.
36 Orange Street
Asheville, North Carolina 28801

Dear Dr. Gillespie:

~~The North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has considered all of the information presented at the settlement conference of August 7, 2009, regarding your treatment of Natalie Case. It is undisputed that Ms. Case, who was then 13 years of age, presented to your office on February 1, 2006 for the extraction of her remaining primary teeth, on referral of her orthodontist.~~

~~You proceeded to extract Ms. Case's teeth numbers J and T as well as her permanent teeth numbers 19 and 30, without consulting a current radiograph and without a written referral slip from Ms. Case's orthodontist. Your error was compounded by the fact that you failed to recognize that you had extracted the wrong teeth and by the fact that you delayed notifying Ms. Case's parents another six weeks after the orthodontist pointed out the mistake.~~

~~Based on the evidence available, the Board believes that your treatment of Ms. Case constituted negligence and therefore violated G.S. 90-41(a)(12). For this reason, the Board proposes to officially reprimand you. An official reprimand includes placing a copy of this letter in your permanent file, posting a copy of the reprimand on the Board's website for approximately three months and sending a copy to the National Practitioner Data Bank.~~

~~If you do not wish to accept this reprimand, you may request a formal hearing. The request must be in writing, made within thirty (30) days of your receipt of this letter. If you desire to accept the reprimand, please do so by signing below and returning the original letter to the Board office. You should keep a copy for your own records.~~

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Do not hesitate to contact the Board office if you have any questions or need additional information. Thank you for your cooperation with the Board during its investigation of this matter.

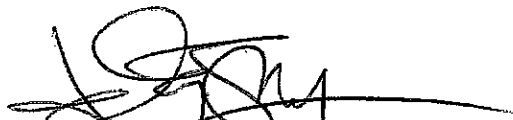
Very truly yours.



Terry W. Friddle
Deputy Operations Officer

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ACCEPTED:



TIMOTHY E. GILLESPIE, D.M.D.

8/18/09

DATE

cc: Members of the Board
Carolyn Bakewell, Board Counsel
Mr. Kenneth Jones, Esq.