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January 18, 2022

CERTIFIED/RETURN RECEIPT MAIL

Dr. Mary Kingery
113 Dolphin Street
Holden Beach, North Carolina 28462

Dear Dr. Kingery:

The Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has completed its review of all materials and documentation gathered as a result of its investigation of the complaint filed against you by Dr. [REDACTED] on behalf of your mutual patient, [REDACTED]. This information establishes that on April 1, 2021, [REDACTED] an 11 year old female, presented to your office for the extraction of teeth numbers 12 and 20, on referral of her orthodontist and prior to the placement of braces.

At that appointment, you proceeded to extract [REDACTED] teeth numbers 12 and 21. Your error was compounded by the fact that you failed to recognize that you had extracted the wrong tooth and by the fact that you did not inform [REDACTED] parents about your error until after her orthodontist, Dr. [REDACTED], filed a complaint against you.

Based on the information available, it is the Board's opinion that your treatment of [REDACTED] violated G.S. §90-41, in that you extracted 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, notification of the reprimand being sent to the National Practitioner Data Bank, and a copy of the reprimand placed on the Board's web page for approximately 3 months.

If you wish to accept the reprimand, please sign below and return this letter to the Board office. The case will then be placed on the Board's agenda for consideration. The full Board can vote to accept the reprimand, propose a Consent Order, schedule the matter for a formal hearing, or dismiss the case. If you do not wish to accept the reprimand, the Investigative Panel has the option of referring the case for a disciplinary hearing. You also have the right to request a formal hearing. You must make your request in writing and file it with the Board office within 30 days of receipt of this letter.

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

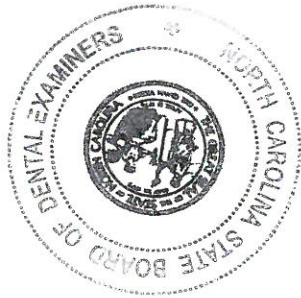
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Sincerely,

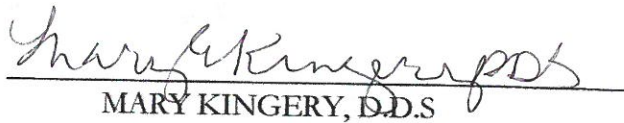


Casie S. Goode
Deputy Operations Officer

THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE
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ACCEPTED:



MARY KINGERY, D.D.S

1/25/22
DATE

Approved 2/4/22

cc: Case Officer
Mr. Douglas Brocker, Board Counsel
Ms. Ginger Hunsucker, Esq. (via email)