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May 14, 2026

Dr. Eric Rivera
C/O Ginger Hunsucker, Esq.
Sent via e-mail
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Dear Dr. Rivera:

The Investigative Panel of the North Carolina State Board of Dental Examiners has completed its investigation of the Medical Malpractice Report from the National Practitioner Data Bank. This information establishes that on August 4, 2023, a patient presented to your office for root canal therapy on her tooth #3.

At that appointment, you proceeded to begin root canal therapy on her tooth #A. You believed you were treating tooth #3. However, you acknowledged your error of performing root canal therapy on tooth #A instead of #3 and you immediately notified the patient.

Based on the information available, it is the Board's opinion that your treatment of the patient violated G.S. §90-41, in that you treated the wrong tooth. Furthermore, it is the Board's opinion that you violated 21 NCAC 16T .0103 as the consent form obtained failed to list the tooth number to be treated. For these reasons, 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 three 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.

Sincerely,

Jamie L. Rivera
Assistant Director of Investigations

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ACCEPTED:

Eric M. Rivera
ERIC RIVERA, D.D.S

May 14, 2026
DATE

EXECUTED BY:

Casie S. Goode
Casie S. Goode, Deputy Operations Officer

6/16/26
Date