**Malpractice, Negligence and Violation of Health and Safety Standards (11 counts)**

Abortionist A. James Whitmore III, who worked at the Delta Women's Clinic abortion mill, had his medical license put on indefinite probation by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners after it found that he disregarded basic sanitation, was rude to patients and failed to recognize the seriousness of one woman's condition after a failed abortion. According to the Board's report, the abortionist used improperly sterilized equipment, let tissue float in sterilizing solution, and reused devices that were supposed to be used only once. Whitmore's license was placed on indefinite probation while experts determined whether he was fit to practice medicine. The agency ordered that his work be monitored by another doctor to be selected by the board." I think it's long overdue and doesn't go far enough," said Attorney Mike Johnson, who is representing women in abortion malpractice claims against Delta. Johnson said problems about Whitmore's work were revealed while gathering information for the lawsuits almost three years ago. Johnson said ten of the Delta workers also came forward and made sworn statements about problems they saw. "We were just astounded at the things they told us," he said. Witnesses at the hearing testified that Whitmore was rude to patients and refused to answer their questions. In one case, an abortion mill employee testified, Whitmore could not stop a patient's hemorrhaging after an abortion. An ambulance had to be called, the witness said, and hospital doctors found she had a perforated uterus, which required a hysterectomy. Whitmore also had trouble with the state board in 1992 when concerns about his competency led the agency to put him on three years of probation.

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**Abortion Practitioner Loses License in Louisiana**New Orleans, LA -- A New Orleans abortion practitioner has had his license suspended indefinitely for failing to comply with the terms of probation imposed after he was found guilty of several offenses.

In January, the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners put A. James Whitmore III's license on indefinite probation after finding him guilty of disregarding basic sanitation, being rude to patients and failing to realize how serious the condition was of a hemorrhaging patient who wound up needing a hysterectomy due to a perforated uterus following an abortion.

The terms of probation included requirements that Whitmore, 54, submit to evaluation and give the board a list of three doctors, one of whom would be chosen to monitor Whitmore's practice.

He was ordered to do both within six months, according to a two-page report. When he did not, the board suspended Whitmore's license until he meets the terms of probation.

"Dr. Whitmore shall not engage in the practice of medicine in any form in the state of Louisiana unless the board issues and serves him a written order authorizing his practice in this state," the board said.

The order was issued July 31 and made public last week.

The board's action was based on allegations about Whitmore's part-time work as an abortion practitioner at Delta Women's Clinic abortion facility in Baton Rouge. According to a report on his case, Whitmore used improperly sterilized equipment, reused devices that were supposed to be used only once and let tissue float in the sterilizing solution.

It was not the first time Whitmore had run afoul of the board. In 1992, concerns about his competence led the agency to put his license on probation for three years.

Whitmore could not be reached for comment.

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