# DENTAL BOARD OF CALIFORNIA SUSPENDS SACRAMENTO DENTIST'S LICENSE

*Accused of performing unnecessary work and billing for work that was never done*

SACRAMENTO – The Dental Board of California has suspended the license of a Sacramento dentist for allegedly performing unnecessary procedures, such as root canals and fillings on patients' healthy teeth. In addition, the dentist was also presenting numerous false insurance claims for work that was never performed.

David Milton Lewis, DMD, who has a private practice on Marconi Avenue in Sacramento, is prohibited from performing any dentistry until the Board's administrative case against him has been resolved.

Dental Board investigators found evidence that Lewis performed the unnecessary procedures on at least 17 individuals, in some cases causing irreparable harm to the patients' teeth. They also alleged that Lewis submitted fraudulent reimbursement claims to an insurance company, in one case for crowns placed on two teeth that didn't exist in the patient's mouth. To date, the investigation has also found that Lewis was inappropriately offering cash rewards to UPS employees in exchange for referrals.

"David Lewis' actions are unacceptable," said Board Executive Officer Richard DeCuir. "Consumer protection is the top priority of the Dental Board of California, and we are committed to stopping this kind of activity dead in its tracks whenever we find it."

An Administrative Law Judge ruled that permitting Dr. Lewis to continue practicing dentistry would endanger the public health, safety or welfare, and that waiting for a hearing on the issue before imposing the suspension might result in serious injury to the public. The Board will now proceed with its efforts to seek disciplinary action, including revocation of Lewis' license.

An administrative hearing will be held to address the violations found during the investigation. Criminal charges may also be sought in connection with the case.

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