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**Friday, September 9, 2022**

**MASSACHUSETTS BOARD OF MEDICINE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on September 8, 2022, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine took disciplinary action against the medical licenses of Julian A. Mitton, M.D., Robert M. Shiner, M.D., and George J. Cuchural, M.D.

In a Final Decision & Order, the Board revoked Dr. Julian A. Mitton’s medical license after finding that he had texted a patient, sought to convince that patient that he was someone that she knew, and used information that he had obtained as her physician. Dr. Mitton also asked the patient for photos and sent her sexually suggestive messages, including a sexually explicit photo of himself. Dr. Mitton has been licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth since June 2, 2016. He last practiced medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital before he entered into a Voluntary Agreement Not to Practice Medicine on October 24, 2019.

The Board admonished Dr. Robert M. Shiner, after he admitted in a Consent Order that between July 2014 and September 2019, he prescribed a cough medicine with codeine to an individual outside of his usual practice and without regular in-office physical examinations, ordering of any tests, or adequate medical documentation supporting the prescriptions. Dr. Shiner was first licensed to practice medicine in Massachusetts on October 25, 1995. Dr. Shiner currently practices medicine at Manet Community Health Care in Quincy.

The Board accepted Dr. George J. Cuchural’s resignation of his license to practice medicine. Resignation is a disciplinary action that permanently removes a physician from the practice of medicine. Dr. Cuchural was first licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth on July 18, 1984. He last practiced medicine in a solo practice in Weymouth.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 40,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints and determines sanctions. More information is available at www.mass.gov/massmedboard, or you may contact the Board at borimmedia@massmail.state.ma.us..