

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

MISC. DOCKET NO. 94- 9057

**IN THE MATTER OF
RONALD VARION THURMAN**

ORDER

On this day, the Court considered the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Ronald Varion Thurman, together with the Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Ronald Varion Thurman. The Court has reviewed said Motion and Response and finds that each meets the requirements of Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure. In conformity with Part X, Section 10.02, of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Court considers the detailed statement of professional misconduct contained within the Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel to be deemed conclusively established for all purposes. The Court finds that Ronald Varion Thurman is resigning in lieu of compulsory discipline by reason of his two (2) convictions for an intentional crime, to-wit, indecency with a child on November 15, 1993, for each of which he received ten (10) years' probation. The Court, being advised that the acceptance of the resignation is in the best interest of the public and the profession, hereby concludes that the following Order is appropriate.

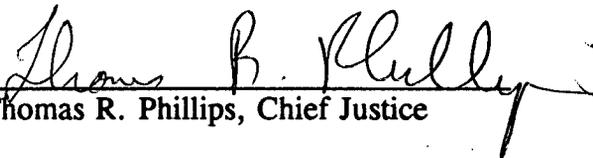
IT IS ORDERED that the law license of Ronald Varion Thurman of McKinney, Texas, State Bar Card Number 20007000, heretofore issued by the Court, be cancelled and her name be dropped and deleted from the list of persons licensed to practice law in Texas.

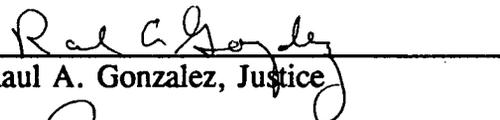
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ronald Varion Thurman immediately file with the Court an affidavit stating the cause of his inability to surrender his State Bar Card and Texas law license to the Clerk of the Supreme Court of Texas.

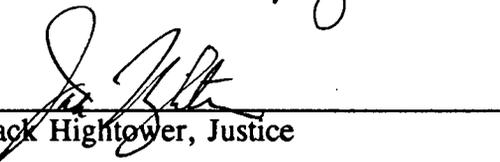
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Ronald Varion Thurman be, and he is hereby, permanently enjoined and prohibited from practicing law in the State of Texas, holding himself out as an attorney at law, performing any legal services for others, giving legal advice to others, accepting any fee directly or indirectly for legal services, appearing as counsel or in any representative capacity in any proceeding in any Texas court or before any Texas administrative body (whether state, county, municipal, or other), or holding himself out to others or using his

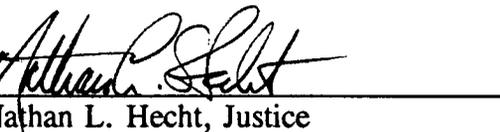
name in any manner in conjunction with the words "Attorney at Law", "Counselor at Law", or "Lawyer".

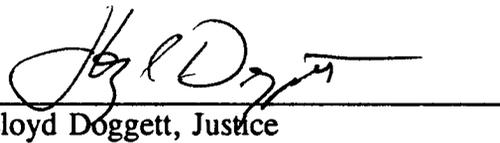
By the Court, en banc, in chambers, on this the 26th day of April, 1994.


Thomas R. Phillips, Chief Justice

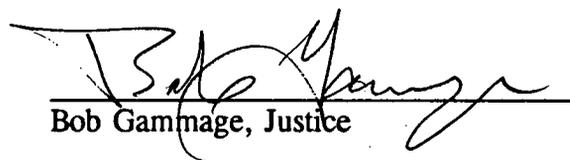

Raul A. Gonzalez, Justice

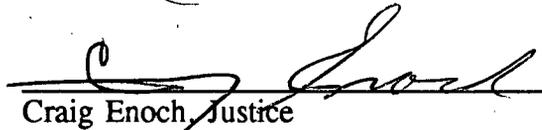

Jack Hightower, Justice

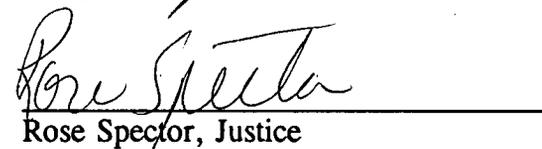

Nathan L. Hecht, Justice


Lloyd Doggett, Justice


John Cornyn, Justice


Bob Gammage, Justice


Craig Enoch, Justice


Rose Spector, Justice

STATE BAR OF TEXAS



Office of the General Counsel
March 30, 1994

INTERAGENCY MAIL

John Adams, Clerk
Supreme Court of Texas
Supreme Court Building
P. O. Box 12248
Austin, Texas 78711

Re: Resignation of Ronald Varion Thurman, Bar Card No. 20007000

Dear Mr. Adams:

Pursuant to Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, please find enclosed herewith the following:

- (1) Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Diane Selinski-Davis, dated March 7, 1994, which was received by the Chief Disciplinary Counsel on March 28, 1994;
- (2) Response of Chief Disciplinary Counsel of Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Ronald Varion Thurman;
- (3) Original law license and Bar Card of Ronald Varion Thurman; and,
- (4) Original and one (1) copy of proposed Order for review and entry by the Court accepting the resignation of Ronald Varion Thurman as Attorney and Counselor at Law.

If no motion to withdraw the Motion for Acceptance has been filed by Mr. Thurman with the Court by April 11, 1994, please present the enclosed Order to the Court for review and entry.

Mr. John Adams
March 30, 1994
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Upon entry of the Order by the Court, please transmit a true and correct copy of same to the undersigned in order that this office may properly give notice to Mr. Thurman, the District Grievance Committee, and the Commission for Lawyer Discipline of the Court's disposition of such motion.

Sincerely,



Dawn Miller
Senior Assistant General Counsel

DM:dm
Enclosures

cc: Mr. Ronald L. Goranson, Milner, Goranson, Sorrels, Udashen, Wells & Parker,
Chateau Plaza, Suite 1500, 2515 McKinney Avenue, Lock Box 21, Dallas, Texas
75201

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. P 116 547 417 - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Ronald Varion Thurman, c/o Collin County Jail, 200 S. McDonald,
McKinney, Texas 75069-0000

CERTIFIED MAIL NO. P 116 547 418 - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS
MOTION FOR ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION AS
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW
OF

RONALD VARION THURMAN

TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

Movant, Ronald Varion Thurman, moves the Court to accept his resignation as an Attorney and Counselor at Law, showing the Court:

I.

Movant hereby resigns as an Attorney and Counselor at Law in lieu of a compulsory disciplinary sanction for having committed professional misconduct by being convicted of two (2) counts of an intentional crime, to-wit, indecency with a child, on November 15, 1993, for each of which Movant received ten (10) years' probation and was ordered to serve one hundred eighty (180) days as a condition of probation.

II.

Movant's License and permanent State Bar Card issued by the Court on April 7, 1971, have heretofore been tendered to the Membership Department of the State Bar of Texas and are no longer in the possession of Movant.

III.

Movant's State Bar Card number is 20007000. Movant's current address is 5309 Channel Isle, Plano, Texas 75093-0000.

Movant prays that the Court accept his resignation as an Attorney and Counselor at Law and remove his name from the list of persons licensed to practice law in the State of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

Mar. 7, 1994

Date

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ronald Varion Thurman", written over a horizontal line.

Ronald Varion Thurman
State Bar Card No. 20007000

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS

RESPONSE OF THE CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL
OF THE
STATE BAR OF TEXAS
REGARDING
RONALD VARION THURMAN

TO THE HONORABLE SUPREME COURT OF TEXAS:

I, James M. McCormack, Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas, in accordance with Part X of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, hereby file a response on behalf of the State Bar of Texas, acting by and through the Commission for Lawyer Discipline, to the Motion for Acceptance of Resignation as Attorney and Counselor at Law of Ronald Varion Thurman, dated on or about March 7, 1994. The acceptance of the resignation of Ronald Varion Thurman is in the best interests of the public and the profession. There is currently pending a compulsory discipline action against Ronald Varion Thurman, numbered 03331 and styled In the Matter of Ronald Varion Thurman, State Bar Card No. 20007000, Before the Board of Disciplinary Appeals of the Supreme Court of Texas (hereinafter called the "disciplinary suit").

The disciplinary suit seeks disbarment of Ronald Varion Thurman on the basis of his convictions for indecency with a child in Cause No. 366-80873-93, The State of Texas v. Ronald Thurman, In the 366th Judicial District Court of Collin County, Texas, for which Ronald Varion Thurman was sentenced to ten (10) years' probation and ordered to serve one hundred eighty (180) days in the Collin County jail as a condition of probation and in Cause No. 366-80874-93, The State of Texas v. Ronald Thurman, In the 366th Judicial District Court of Collin County,

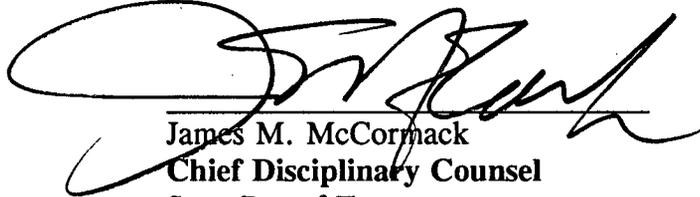
Texas, for which Ronald Varion Thurman was sentenced to ten (10) years' probation and ordered to serve one hundred eighty (180) days in the Collin County jail as a condition of probation.

On or about November 15, 1993, Ronald Varion Thurman pled guilty to indecency with a child in Cause No. 366-80873-93, The State of Texas v. Ronald Thurman, In the 366th Judicial District Court of Collin County, Texas. Ronald Varion Thurman was sentenced to ten (10) years' probation and ordered to serve one hundred eighty (180) days in the Collin County jail as a condition of probation. A true and correct copy of the Judgment is attached hereto as Exhibit A and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes as if the same were copied verbatim herein.

On or about November 15, 1993, Respondent pled guilty to indecency with a child in Cause No. 366-80874-93, The State of Texas v. Ronald Thurman, In the 366th Judicial District Court of Collin County, Texas. Ronald Varion Thurman was sentenced to ten (10) years' probation and ordered to serve one hundred eighty (180) days in the Collin County jail as a condition of probation. A true and correct copy of the Judgment is attached hereto as Exhibit B and made a part hereof for all intents and purposes as if the same were copied verbatim herein.

Indecency with a child constitutes an "intentional crime" as that term is defined in Section 1.06(O.) of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure for the conviction of which an attorney shall be disbarred pursuant to Sections 8.01, et seq., of the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure.

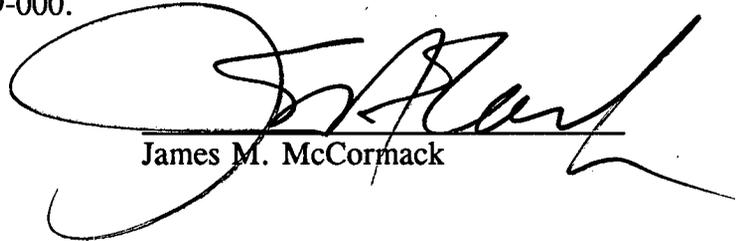
In view of Ronald Varion Thurman's execution on or about March 7, 1994, of his resignation as an attorney and counselor at law, and in anticipation of the Court's acceptance of same, the Chief Disciplinary Counsel does not anticipate going forward with the pending disciplinary lawsuit and intends to obtain an Order of Non-Suit in said disciplinary lawsuit upon entry of Order by the Supreme Court of Texas deleting Ronald Varion Thurman from the list of persons licensed to practice law in the State of Texas.



James M. McCormack
Chief Disciplinary Counsel
State Bar of Texas

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

A true and correct copy of this Response of the Chief Disciplinary Counsel of the State Bar of Texas Regarding Ronald Varion Thurman has been served upon Ronald Varion Thurman on this 30th day of March, 1994, by delivery by certified mail, return receipt requested, to his attorney of record in the disciplinary lawsuit, Ronald L. Goranson, 2515 McKinney Avenue, Lock Box 21, Dallas, Texas 75201, and to Ronald Varion Thurman, Collin County Jail, 200 S. McDonald, McKinney, Texas 75069-000.



James M. McCormack

PROBATION JUDGMENT - PLEA OF GUILTY OR NOLO CONTENDERE - JURY WAIVED
NON - CAPITAL

CRIMINAL MINUTES OF THE DISTRICT COURT OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS

THE STATE OF TEXAS

NO: 366-80874-93

VS.

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RONALD THURMAN

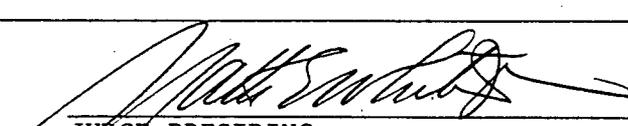
NOVEMBER 15, A.D., 19 93

JUDGMENT

THE DEFENDANT HAVING BEEN INDICTED IN THE ABOVE ENTITLED AND NUMBERED CAUSE FOR THE FELONY OFFENSE OF INDECENCY WITH A CHILD AND THIS CAUSE BEING THIS DAY CALLED FOR TRIAL, THE STATE APPEARED BY HER CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND THE DEFENDANT RONALD THURMAN APPEARED IN PERSON AND HIS COUNSEL ALSO BEING PRESENT AND BOTH PARTIES ANNOUNCED READY FOR TRIAL, AND THE DEFENDANT IN PERSON AND IN WRITING IN OPEN COURT HAVING WAIVED HIS RIGHT OF TRIAL BY JURY, SUCH WAIVER BEING WITH THE CONSENT AND APPROVAL OF THE CRIMINAL DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, IN WRITING, SIGNED BY HIM, AND FILED IN THE PAPERS OF THIS CAUSE BEFORE THE DEFENDANT ENTERED HIS PLEA HEREIN, THE DEFENDANT WAS DULY ARRAIGNED AND IN OPEN COURT PLEADED GUILTY TO INDECENCY WITH A CHILD. THEREUPON THE DEFENDANT WAS ADMONISHED BY THE COURT OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE SAID PLEA AND THE DEFENDANT PERSISTED IN ENTERING SAID PLEA, AND IT PLAINLY APPEARING TO THE COURT THAT THE DEFENDANT IS SANE AND THAT HE IS UNINFLUENCED IN MAKING SAID PLEA BY ANY CONSIDERATION OF FEAR, OR BY ANY PERSUASION OR DELUSIVE HOPE OF PARDON PROMPTING HIM TO CONFESS HIS GUILT, THE SAID PLEA WAS ACCEPTED BY THE COURT AND IS NOW ENTERED OF RECORD AS THE PLEA HEREIN OF THE DEFENDANT. THE DEFENDANT IN OPEN COURT, IN WRITING, HAVING WAIVED THE READING OF THE INDICTMENT, THE APPEARANCE, CONFRONTATION, AND CROSS-EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES, AND AGREED THAT THE EVIDENCE MAY BE STIPULATED AND CONSENTED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF TESTIMONY BY AFFIDAVITS, WRITTEN STATEMENTS OF WITNESSES AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE, AND SUCH WAIVER AND CONSENT HAVING BEEN APPROVED BY THE COURT IN WRITING AND FILED IN THE PAPERS OF THE CAUSE; AND, THE COURT HAVING HEARD THE DEFENDANT'S WAIVER OF THE READING OF THE INDICTMENT, THE DEFENDANT'S PLEA THERETO; THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED, AND THE ARGUMENT OF COUNSEL, IS OF THE OPINION FROM THE EVIDENCE SUBMITTED THAT THE DEFENDANT IS GUILTY AS CHARGED.

IT IS THEREFORE CONSIDERED AND ADJUDGED BY THE COURT, THAT THE SAID DEFENDANT IS GUILTY OF INDECENCY WITH A CHILD AS CHARGED IN THE INDICTMENT AND THAT THE SAID DEFENDANT COMMITTED SAID OFFENSE ON THE 23RD DAY OF JANUARY, 19 93, AND THAT HE BE PUNISHED BY CONFINEMENT IN THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE, INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION FOR TEN YEARS, AND A FINE OF \$ - 0 -, PLUS RESTITUTION, IF ANY, IN AN AMOUNT OF \$ - 0 -, AND THAT THE STATE OF TEXAS DO HAVE AND RECOVER OF THE SAID DEFENDANT ALL COSTS IN THIS PROSECUTION EXPENDED, FOR WHICH EXECUTION WILL ISSUE; AND THAT SAID DEFENDANT BE REMANDED TO THE SHERIFF OF COLLIN COUNTY, TEXAS, TO AWAIT THE FURTHER ORDER OF THE COURT HEREIN; AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED BY THE COURT THAT THE IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE OF THE JUDGMENT OF CONVICTION OF THE COURT HEREIN SHALL BE SUSPENDED AND THAT THE DEFENDANT BE PLACED ON PROBATION DURING THE PERIOD OF TIME FIXED BY THE COURT, UNDER THE CONDITIONS TO BE DETERMINED BY THE COURT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE LAW GOVERNING PROBATIONS OF SAID STATE. RESTITUTION TO BE PAID THROUGH THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY SUPERVISION AND CORRECTIONS DEPARTMENT AND FORWARDED TO :

Exhibit B


JUDGE PRESIDING