

Prosecutor may not succeed in attempt to block doctor

By SUSAN L. SILK
The "vigorous action" taken by the Oakland County prosecutor to bar an Oakland County doctor from practicing in the state may only temporarily halt the doctor's activities. Oakland County Circuit Court Presiding Judge Frederick C. Ziem, in a hearing last Tuesday, granted Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson a temporary restraining order against Dr. Jesse Ketchum, 35, of 820 Long Lake Road, Bloomfield Hills.

The order prohibited Ketchum from practicing medicine in the state. A hearing requesting dismissal of the order was held Thursday. May 2. Ziem is expected to decide on the request Monday, May 6.

HOULD ZIEM decide to continue

the order, a court trial would be granted, if requested.

Patterson's 11-page complaint refers to three criminal abortion charges and 10 malpractice suits pending against Ketchum.

The abortion charges were prior to 1970 when the state Supreme Court ruled the anti-abortion statute unconstitutional and have since been thrown out of court.

Many of the malpractice suits have also been disposed of, according to court records.

Also cited in Patterson's suit was Ketchum's October 1973 conviction of "criminal negligent homicide as a result of the abortion" performed in Ketchum's Buffalo, N. Y., office and the April 24, 1974, conviction in Detroit on the charge of "indecent and obscene conduct in a public place."

THE PROSECUTOR said Ketchum's "past and present professional and personal policies... constitute a hazard to the health, welfare and safety of the people of Oakland County."

The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulation's Medical Practices Board also "has begun investigating" the matter, according to board president Dr. C. Allen Payne, a Grand Rapids pathologist.

"We are also in the process of securing a copy of the conviction in New York and investigating Ketchum's activities in Oakland County," Payne said.

Conviction of a felony is grounds for terminating a doctor's license, Payne said.

"There is a possibility that the board may be able to act on that at the New York conviction," basis, Payne said Wednesday.

HOWEVER, "EVEN with verification of a New York conviction, the 11-member medical practices board would still be required to hold hearings before action was taken."

Payne said he could not determine how long it would take to verify the New York conviction or for the two state investigators assigned the case to complete their work.

The medical practices board did investigate Ketchum in 1970, regarding the three abortion charges, but when the cases were thrown out of court, the investigation was ended, Payne said.

Payne could recall no other complaints against Ketchum during his 10 year tenure on the board, he said.

Since the Jan. 8, 1974, enactment of the new medical practices act, the state board has also been empowered to suspend a license temporarily if a doctor is ordered to seek medical treatment.

Such a board order might follow a citizen complaint and investigation, Payne said.

BEFORE THE NEW medical practices act Payne said he "doubts very much" that a license could be terminated on charges of improper conduct.

And now it is still "only a possibility," which would come after the "entire due process of law," Payne said.

"I congratulate the prosecutor in taking vigorous action," said Dr. Edwin M. Knights, president of the Oakland County Medical Society, Friday.

"We're not in the position to take action or investigate the case, and we don't have the power of licensure," Knights said.

Ketchum was not a member of the county medical society, Knights said.

THE MEDICAL SOCIETY's official complaint to the state board of medical licensure, which he could not recall any complaints about Ketchum or discussion of him at meetings.

The doctor's present office is in Huntington Woods. He was a staff member at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak until his discharge in 1969, and he resides in Oakland County, according to Patterson's lawsuit.

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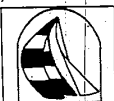
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By MARY CONNELLY and
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That's what it could cost this summer to golf, swim, bike and play tennis. And that excludes green fees and court time.

It also excludes bargain hunting and assumes that neophyte or pro you will weaken your wallet when you strengthen your muscles.

Of course, those sports don't have to carry high price tags. But every year-overboard enthusiasts dive into the deep end when it comes to spending on sports.

FOR EXAMPLE, a fashion conscious Esther Williams can and does spend as much as \$100 on a Givency swimsuit. Two weeks after Jacobson's in Birmingham stocked six of the designer suits, they were sold.

But a Givency suit alone won't get you pool side. If you make swimming a fashion pastime as well as an athletic endeavor, add an additional \$128 for a cover-up halter dress, hat, canvas tote bag and sunglasses.

Of course, a tennis buff will merely scoff at those low price tags. The tennis enthusiast can spend up to \$70 for a custom, gut stringed racket at Don Thomas Sporthaus and an additional \$60 for an imported leather tennis bag to carry it in.

Her ensemble includes a French tennis dress at \$55, a tennis sweater for \$58, leather shoes at \$28.50, a visor hat at \$5 and terry-cloth socks at \$2.75.

HIS COURTSIDE tops include shorts at \$25, shirt at \$18, vest and sweater set at \$40, shoes at \$28.50, hat at \$5 and socks at \$2.75.

Once he or she is dressed, another couple hundred can be spent just getting on the court. According to Joe Pellet, director of tennis at the Beverly Hills Racquet Club,

membership fees in area clubs average \$65 dollars for men, \$85 for women and \$175-\$200 for families.

Standard fees for individual court times are \$8 an hour during non-prime hours and \$12 an hour for prime time.

Private lessons vary from \$10 to \$15 an hour, excluding court time.

AND IF THE buff is devout, the Call It Love Shop in West Bloomfield has everything to accentuate the sport. Tennis statues at \$25, tennis paintings at \$80 and tennis clocks at \$30 are all available for those who love the sport.

If the greens appeal more than the courts, the golfer may find himself with similar spending habits.

His outfit, including madras pants, a contrasting golf shirt, madras hat and golf gloves, approaches the \$80 mark. Combined with the best clubs at \$300 and green fees, or better yet country-club membership, he could find his sport putting him in the poor house.

FOR HER, prices are equally extravagant. Dressed in the best of the line, her jacket and culotte ensemble total \$67. Another \$30 buys gloves, golf sweater and visor cap.

For the golfer who has everything, friends may bestow on him a 24 carat gold putter from Abercrombie & Fitch for a mere \$150.

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