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Linda Estes, Ph.D.
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Re: Case No. 06-20

Dear Dr. Estes:

At its meeting of December 1, 2006, the Board of Psychologist Examiners discussed the above-referenced complaint and voted to issue you a letter of concern which is a non-disciplinary action. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061(A)(7), a letter of concern is an advisory letter to notify the psychologist that certain practices should be modified or eliminated. The continuation of those practices may result in action against the psychologist's license. The Board is authorized to issue letters of concern by A.R.S. § 32-2081(G).

Specifically, the Board is concerned that in your consultation provided in your role as Chief of the Behavioral Analysis Division of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, you used the term "sexual predator" without adequate support.

A letter of concern is not appealable. Murphy v. Board of Medical Examiners 190 Ariz. 441, 949 P.2d 530 (App. 1997). However, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2081(K), "A licensee may submit a written response to the Board within thirty days after receiving a letter of concern. The response is a public document and shall be placed in the licensee's file." Since your response would be a public document and placed in your file, please use only initials when referring to the names of clients and/or complainants in any such response.

Sincerely,

Maxine McCarthy
Executive Director

cc: Janet M. Walsh, Esq.