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**PRESS RELEASE**

**November 4, 2009**

**Dr. C. Dean Milne, Vice President of the Nevada State Board of Osteopathic Medicine, is pleased to announce that he and the Board's staff settled the formal disciplinary complaint he filed on behalf of the Board against Dr. Sohrab Shafinia by the surrender of his osteopathic medicine license. This matter was previously scheduled for formal disciplinary hearing on Saturday, October 17, 2009. The allegations against the osteopathic physician included the possession of drugs with an intent to distribute and the illegal distribution in the State of Michigan of various drugs to patients, including OxyContin, Lortab, and Xanax.**

**Upon approval by the entire Board of the settlement agreement on November 2, 2009, Dr. Shafinia's license was immediately suspended and he is unable to seek relicensure in the State of Nevada for a period of five (5) years. He has also agreed to reimburse the Board the sum of \$7,000.00 as fees and costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of the action.**

**A copy of the formal disciplinary complaint and settlement agreement can be obtained by viewing the Board's website. If you wish further information, please contact either Deputy Executive Director Barbara Longo or the Executive Director Dianna Hegeduis at the Board's offices.**