

Ferguson Appealing Suspension

PIERRE (AP) — Dr. James S. Ferguson, Murdo, is appealing a decision by the South Dakota Board of Medical and Osteopathic Examiners that suspended his license to practice medicine.

Motions are to be presented by Ferguson's attorneys at 1:30 p.m. Monday in Hughes County Circuit Court at Pierre. A jury trial has been requested.

The board suspended the license for one year on March 25 on grounds that Ferguson was practicing medicine in jail.

Ferguson was freed from the Jones County Jail at Murdo Thursday after posting \$20,000 cash bond. He had been held since indicted Feb. 13 on 47 charges alleging narcotics violations and second-degree manslaughter in the death of a patient.

In his appeal of the medical board's decision, Ferguson contends there were no grounds for the suspension. He said the board did not notify him the suspension was being considered and that it violated his constitutional rights in denying him a livelihood without due process of law.
