Swift Current doctor reprimanded for threatening co-worker at hospital

Boniface Lubega sent 7 inflammatory emails in single day

A Swift Current, Sask., doctor admits there is no way to justify a series of threatening emails he sent to a fellow doctor last year.

Dr. Boniface Lubega sent the seven emails in a single day last September. In them, he described his colleague as “worse than feces” and “addicted to idiocy.”

Then he threatened to break every bone in his colleague’s body and said that he could beat him to death.

Lubega appeared in front of a disciplinary committee Friday morning at the Saskatchewan College of Physicians and Surgeons office in Saskatoon.

The committee formally reprimanded Lubega and ordered that he take an ethics course, but it did not suspend him from practising, or impose a financial penalty beyond covering the hearing costs.

Dispute between doctors

“There was also a background of a dispute between the two physicians related to a number of different practice issues. That’s what it appears primarily led to the conduct that we are addressing here,” said College legal counsel Bryan Salte.

“Without question they were quite disturbing. There’s a lot of things that a council has to consider when it’s trying to determine what the appropriate penalty is. One of those is upholding the reputation of the profession.”

The 63-year-old anesthetist had already been suspended by Cypress Hospital after sending the threatening emails.
One Swift Current Doctor is being brought before the disciplinary council of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan on charges of unprofessional conduct.

The charge, which was filed January 10, accuses Dr. Boniface Lubega of sending unprofessional and threatening emails to colleague Dr. Leszek Swica.

Seven emails plus one handwritten note are being used as evidence against Dr. Lubega. The hearing date for the case has not yet been determined.

Dr. Lubega has no previous charges brought before the governing board. In 1984, he received his medical degree from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda. Currently, both he and Dr. Swica work out of Cypress Regional Hospital as Anesthesiologists.

Although the charges are pending, the board has found that the messages have been, “Reasonably interpreted... as threatening.”

UPDATE 4:25 p.m.: Cypress Health Region has declined to comment on the story, but says, "As a Region we look forward to learning the results of the CPSS investigation once it is complete."
Swift Current doctor facing unprofessional conduct charges

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A Swift Current doctor is charged with unprofessional conduct for emails and messages he allegedly sent to a colleague.

The charge was brought forward to The College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan on Jan. 10 where Dr. Boniface Lubega is accused of sending insulting and threatening emails to Dr. Leszek Swica.

You can read the details of the case here. – Warning: Vulgar language is used.

The messages were reportedly sent on Sept. 25, 2016. They were allegedly sent by Lubega insulting the amount of money Swica makes, tells him to go back to where he came from and refers to Swica as an idiot.

Lubega is also accused of threatening Swica, with messages saying he will beat Swica to death and he will break all his bones.

A hearing on the matter is currently pending.

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