SUPREME COURT OF ARKANSAS

No. 06-1084

IN RE: JERRY HUDSON SHEPARD ARKANSAS BAR NO. 97094 Opinion Delivered September 28, 2006

PETITION FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LAW LICENSE

PETITION GRANTED.

PER CURIAM

Upon recommendation of the Supreme Court Committee on Professional Conduct, and in lieu of disciplinary proceedings, we hereby accept the voluntary surrender of the law license of Jerry Hudson Shepard, Harrison, Arkansas, to practice law in the State of Arkansas. Mr. Shepard's name shall be removed from the registry of licensed attorneys, and he is barred and enjoined from engaging in the practice of law in this state.

We note that the Committee attached Mr. Shepard's petition with a list of documents that are placed under seal. Apparently, there is an ongoing investigation which may further involve Mr. Shepard's safety. That information is public, but if law enforcement officials believe or determine such information concerns an ongoing criminal investigation which places Mr. Shepard's safety in issue, those officials may take appropriate action.

It is so ordered.