

## **Statement of Dr. Trent Jones**

Good Afternoon,

My name is Dr. Trent Jones - I am a licensed dentist in the state of Illinois and I was recently under the employment of Aspen Dental in Crestwood. Recently, my work colleague found a hidden video recording device in the employee bathroom at that office. I quickly notified Aspen management and made a call to the Crestwood Police Department. The Police Department responded swiftly in reviewing the footage and making an arrest. It's important that I thank the police for their efforts and professionalism at this time.

After this discovery, I was told by an Aspen corporate official that they were aware of the arrested co-employee's prior criminal record, but nevertheless Aspen Dental hired him without attaining further details of this conviction. In essence, Aspen Dental rolled out the proverbial red carpet for this documented offender so that he could carry out his perverse actions amongst a predominantly female staff. Furthermore, the corporate executives assured us that they would sweep the building for any other recording devices, but four days after the initial camera was discovered, another hidden video recording device was found in that same bathroom -- again by a fellow employee. It is clear that the assurances we were given were never followed up on to create a safe working environment.

With the help of Clifford Law Offices, we are filing charges against Aspen Dental for negligence. When a perverted individual has a documented history of criminal conduct, it is fair to suspect that they will do it again. This is an individual that should have never been allowed to conduct patient care or step foot within that office. If Aspen Management had performed proper follow up, the employees of the Crestwood office would have never been subjected to this egregious violation of privacy.

When the value of a dollar is placed above employee safety, it is time for a much-needed change. Aspen Dental's negligence and total disregard for the safety and security of their employees has resulted in a broken trust and shattered sense of security that will likely take a long time to repair- that is, under the assumption that it can be repaired at all. We feel that this action is necessary as it's been made abundantly clear that Aspen Dental places little to no value in the use of their words. We are angry, we are hurt, and we expect Aspen to take accountability for their actions which has not been done since the discovery of the first video device.

Thank you.