# Health News Release

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#### State disciplines health care providers

**OLYMPIA** — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the Department of Health home page (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

#### **Asotin County**

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged Sarah L. Broner (NA00153640) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted controlled substances from patients. She was convicted of three counts of attempting to obtain a controlled substance through fraud, and one count of possession of a controlled substance.

#### **Clallam County**

In February 2010 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractic x-ray technician Marie Elaine Bond (CX00000953) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

## **Grant County**

In February 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged Victoria I. Scott (HC00128380) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft, and forgery.

#### **Grays Harbor County**

In February 2010 the Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery Board charged John Eiland

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(OP0001933) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient resulting in a pregnancy. Allegations include caring for the patient when there were complications with the pregnancy, failing to keep adequate documentation of the treatment, failing to have a witness when the patient signed a consent form, and terminating the pregnancy without consent or evidence the pregnancy wouldn't be successful.

# **King County**

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Kelly A. Fox** (NC10037545) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly borrowed money from a patient for her own personal use totaling about \$1,000.

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Crystal D. Girard** (LP00055556) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly had six tablets of a legend drug that weren't prescribed to her.

In February 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Rose F. Huggett** (RN00163533) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for controlled substances in a urinalysis, and failed to cooperate with the department's investigation.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Bobbie Lewis** (NA00052206) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to department inquiries about a complaint.

In November 2009 the Board of Pharmacy denied the application of pharmacy assistant **David Darren Mylott, Jr.** (VB60101416). He was convicted of driving with a suspended license on more than one occasion, possession of marijuana on more than one occasion, hit and run on more than one occasion, and driving under the influence.

In February 2010 the Secretary of Health charged chiropractic x-ray technician **Jennifer Susan Partosa** (CX00000993) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of two counts of child rape.

In January 2010 the Dental Commission terminated the order of probation against dentist **Thomas Steele Safley** (DE00005482).

# **Kitsap County**

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Jessica L. McGaugh** (RC00059381) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Victoria L. Osborne** (PH00050857) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole liquor from a liquor store next to the pharmacy where she worked on three occasions and drank to the point of impairment.

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In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program charged **Kelly S. Shanley-Johnson** (RC00058575) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly entered into a sexual relationship with a patient.

## **Okanogan County**

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor and Licensed Social Worker Programs terminated the order of probation against the registered counselor registration of **Joyce M. Watt** (RC00044490, LW00009760), also known as Joyce M. Pichette. She can now take the exam for her social worker license.

## **Pierce County**

In January 2010 the Dental Commission released dentist **George Calvin Brain** (DE00003551) from his 2006 agreed order.

In February 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged paramedic **Timothy R. Devenny** (ES00119667) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly tested positive for alcohol metabolites during a urinalysis.

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program terminated the order of probation against **Elizabeth M. Oreskovich** (RC00013767).

# **Snohomish County**

In February 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program and Health Care Assistant Program charged **Jerry L. Derham** (ES00130190, HC00146400) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of four counts of assault — domestic violence.

In February 2010 the Massage Program granted the reactivation application of **Nancy Schmitz** (MA00016656) and placed her license on probation for five years. She practiced and submitted claims to an insurance company for services rendered when her license was expired. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

# **Spokane County**

In February 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program charged **Tina Cronin** (LH00009898) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly terminated therapy with a patient to pursue a romantic relationship with him.

In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the registration of **Sylvia I. Liberty** (NA60096280) and placed it on probation for two years. She was convicted of theft, and must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

In February 2010 the Medical Commission charged physician **Edward J. Reisman** (MD00024932) with unprofessional conduct. His prescribing practices and overall treatment of a patient allegedly put the patient at unreasonable risk of harm.

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In February 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Melody R. Roper** (NA00148970) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly stole items from patients.

#### Walla Walla County

In February 2010 the Medical Commission modified the agreed order against physician **Dale T. Fetroe** (MD00018950). He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

# **Whatcom County**

In February 2010 the Registered Counselor Program granted the application of **Raymond J. U. Hite** (RC60096652) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of theft on more than one occasion, assault, shoplifting, possession of heroin on more than one occasion, driving under the influence, possession of stolen property, burglary, and possession of cocaine. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

## **Out of State**

**Maryland:** In December 2009 the Board of Pharmacy placed the license of pharmacist **Jeffrey P. Yannello** (PH00018138) on probation for three years. He has restrictions placed against his license to practice as a pharmacist in Pennsylvania. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license in Washington.

**Texas:** In December 2009 the Medical Commission granted the application of physician **Charles F. Xeller** (MD60011981) and placed restrictions on his license. He cannot perform surgery since he hasn't acted as a primary surgeon for about eight years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license in Washington.

**Note to Editors:** Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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