



## Doctor Suspended for Not Reporting Pregnant 12-Year-Old as Possible Abuse

Department of Health says Tamarac doc violated law requiring cases of sex involving children under 16 to be reported

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A Tamarac obstetrician was suspended by the state indefinitely on Saturday for failing to report the pregnancy of a 12-year-old girl, the *South Florida Sun Sentinel* reports.



allegedly violating a law that requires physicians to automatically report instances of sex involving patients under the age of 16, according to the *Sun-Sentinel*.

Benjamin told authorities he didn't think he needed to report the case as possible abuse because the girl told him that she had consensual sex with a classmate in Central Florida, said the *Sun-Sentinel*.

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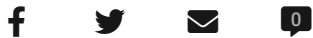
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The adult boyfriend of the girl's mother was later convicted in the 12-year-old's pregnancy, the paper reports, and is currently serving a 15-year sentence for sexual battery.

Though the girl, her mother, and the mother's boyfriend saw Benjamin in November 2009 for an abortion, the *Sentinel* said, the pregnancy was not reported until several months later by her primary doctor.

On Saturday the Florida Board of Medicine rejected a proposed settlement in the disciplinary case and suspended Benjamin's license pending further review, reports the *Sentinel*.



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