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State Suspends Acupuncturist for Sexual Misconduct

Bay Area man's acupuncture license suspended for alleged sexual abuse of two female patients during treatment.

SACRAMENTO – The California Acupuncture Board has suspended the license of a Redwood City acupuncturist after he was criminally charged with sexually assaulting patients during treatment.

Randall James Neustaedter operated Cure Guide located at 1779 Woodside Road in Redwood City and was arrested on July 13, 2015, for allegedly sexually molesting a female patient after he inappropriately touched her genitals during treatment. After his arrest, Neustaedter emailed the victim asking her to drop the charges against him because it could ruin his life.

Another alleged victim came forward later, telling detectives that she, too, was sexually assaulted by Neustaedter after he inappropriately touched her genitals during treatment.

On August 21, 2015, a San Mateo Superior Court judge ordered that as a condition of bail for his criminal arrest, Neustaedter must have an Acupuncture Board-appointed chaperone present for all office visits with female patients.

Neustaedter failed to respond to numerous requests from the board regarding the chaperone and on October 14, 2015, the board secured an Interim Suspension Order, immediately suspending his license.

On October 27, 2015, the administrative law judge issued a formal decision on the Petition for Interim Suspension Order against Neustaedter.

The order states that allowing Neustaedter to practice is a threat to public health and he is prohibited from practicing or attempting to practice as an acupuncturist in California and from holding or possessing his acupuncturist's wall and wallet certificates. The order remains in effect pending a hearing on the accusation.

The Acupuncture Board filed an Accusation against Neustaedter on November 10, 2015 seeking to revoke or suspend his license and recover investigation costs.

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The Accusation charges Neustaedter with unprofessional conduct for committing sexual misconduct while treating two patients; using threats or harassment against a patient; and failing to comply with a court order and failure to cooperate with the board.

To view the Accusation, go to http://www.acupuncture.ca.gov/public/ac-1541_2015_11_10_acc.pdf.

To view the complete Interim Suspension Order, go to http://www.acupuncture.ca.gov/public/ac-1541_2015_10_27_iso.pdf.

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Consumers can also file a complaint online at www.dca.ca.gov.