

Washington State disciplines health care providers

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against a health care provider in Grays Harbor County.

In July 2009 the Emergency Medical Technician Program granted the application of Tina Marie Morgan-Schmidt (ES60093336) and placed her license on probation for one year. She was convicted of possession of controlled substance, and escape. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Morgan-Schmidt's convictions preceded her EMT application, In May of 2009 she applied for the credentials. July of 2005 she was convicted of possession of a controlled substance, a Class C felony, and Escape in the Second Degree - also a Class C.

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](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (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.

Benton County

In July 2009 the Medical Commission amended the statement of charges against physician assistant **Patricia Hernandez** (PA10003590). Allegations include crossing professional boundaries with patients, asking patients for a loan, treating immediate family members, and prescribing narcotics and issuing refills of the narcotics without examining the patients or noting justification in the medical record.

Chelan County

In July 2009 the Medical Commission amended the statement of charges against physician **Kenneth M. Jones** (MD00028268). He allegedly aided or abetted unlicensed practice of medicine by allowing unlicensed people to evaluate clients, provide injections, use his name to obtain and use equipment, and use his Drug Enforcement Agency number to obtain medications. Jones also allegedly misprescribed human growth hormone to two patients.

Clark County

In July 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Sean A. Campbell** (LP00044162) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly used restraints on a patient when the patient was supposed to be continuously mobile.

Clallam County

In July 2009 the Registered Counselor Program released **Mark P. Hynes** (RC00051298) from terms and conditions set against his registration.

In July 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Deborah Ann Marshall** (NA60060967) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of social security fraud. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Cowlitz County

In May 2009 the Nursing Commission charged licensed practical nurse **Ralph G. Snyder** (LP00055296) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with previous terms and conditions set against his license.

Grant County

In July 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Connie Jo Raphael** (RN00114309) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of driving under the influence on more than one occasion, reckless driving, assault on more than one occasion, and violation of pre-trial protection order.

In July 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Michael L. Thorpe** (MD00042843). He entered into a romantic and sexual relationship with a patient. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Grays Harbor County

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King County

In July 2009 the Chiropractic Commission charged chiropractor **Theodore Clark** (CH00002219) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly billed patients for massages performed by him when the massages were actually provided by other practitioners.

In June 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Stephen W. Clegg** (RC00059874). He was convicted of violation of a no contact order and violation of a restraining order.

In July 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Frederick B. Davis** (MD00010139) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in sexual misconduct with a patient, and failed to keep adequate treatment notes on the patient.

In July 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Courtney Renee Kinzer** (HC60071850) and placed her license on probation for two years. She was charged with domestic battery, placed on probation for the charge, and failed to comply with conditions of her probation, resulting in a warrant for her arrest. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In May 2009 the Massage Therapy Program charged **Enrico Modiano** (MA00001135) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly engaged in sexual misconduct with a patient.

In July 2009 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Vance Reed** (DE00006387) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to correctly fit a patient's bridge, failing to notify a patient of a possible need for a root canal, and failing to keep adequate charts and records for patients' treatment.

In June 2009 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Marcia Sederstrom** (RN00087727).

Kitsap County

In July 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Jordan T. Henzel** (NA60027093) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of delivery of marijuana.

Pierce County

In July 2009 the Medical Commission charged physician **Dennis J. Geyer** (MD00048961) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly entered into an altercation with another motorist on his way home from work, resulting in an accusation of the felony crime of assault.

In July 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Jerome P. Rao** (MD00018925). He became upset during a surgical procedure, raised his voice, shouted expletives, and flung bloody irrigation at the surgical technician. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In July 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program reinstated the certification of certified nursing assistant **Thomas Willett** (NC10011353) and placed it on probation for four years. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Snohomish County

In July 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order with physician **Kisoon Cho** (MD00029288) and placed her license on probation for three years. She failed to meet the standard of care while treating a patient; placing the patient at an unreasonable risk of harm, resulting in the patient's death. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In June 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Denise Michele Huff** (RC60036390). Her certification to practice as a nursing assistant was indefinitely suspended.

Spokane County

In July 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Lisa Roth** (VA00066652) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted controlled substances from her place of employment and sold them for her own gain.

Thurston County

In July 2009 the Emergency Medical Technician Program granted the application of **Jerry D. Kessler** (ES60089093) and placed conditions against his license. He was convicted of vehicular homicide. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Out of State

California: In June 2009 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician **Charles D. Nordlinger** (MD60062972). His license to practice as a physician in California was placed on probation, and he failed to disclose the probation on his application.

Minnesota: In June 2009 the Nursing Commission denied the application of registered nurse **Therese Morgan** (RN60073941). The Arizona State Board of Nursing revoked her license to practice as a registered nurse in Arizona and she failed to disclose the revocation on her application.

Texas: In July 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Sara A. Warren** (RN00153305) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

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.