



# News Release

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## **Nursing Commission suspends Okanogan County nurse's license after murder charge**

**OLYMPIA** – The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission suspended the license of registered nurse Roy Parker Rasmussen, III (RN.00141712) pending further legal action.

Rasmussen has been charged in Okanogan County Superior Court with first-degree murder for the April 16 killing of his former domestic partner. Rasmussen is being held in Okanogan County jail on \$1.5 million bail.

Rasmussen cannot work as a registered nurse in Washington until the department's charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and the suspension.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link on [Provider Credential Search](#) on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call this number and report their complaint.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects the public's health and safety by regulating the competency and quality of licensed practical nurses, registered nurses, advanced registered nurse practitioners and nursing technicians. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, education, and discipline.

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