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Yakima County massage therapist suspended on allegations of sexual misconduct

OLYMPIA – State health officials suspended the license of Yakima County massage therapist Jesus Bautista Rodriguez (MA60736453) pending further legal action.

Rodriguez allegedly exhibited a pattern of sexual misconduct against clients. Rodriguez has been charged with third-degree rape in Yakima County Superior Court.

The suspension prohibits Rodriguez from practicing as a massage therapist in Washington to protect patient safety and public health. He has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link on <u>Provider Credential</u> <u>Search</u> on the <u>Department of Health website</u>; 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.

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