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## Pierce County nursing assistant suspended on allegations of assault with sexual motivation

**OLYMPIA** – The Washington State Department of Health suspended the license of Pierce County registered nursing assistant Simon Makumi Kinuthia (NA61075074) pending further legal action.

Charges state that Kinuthia was convicted of fourth-degree assault with sexual motivation, a gross misdemeanor in Pierce County District Court.

Kinuthia cannot practice in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link on "<u>Health Care</u> <u>Provider Lookup</u>" under the "Find it Fast" section of the <u>Department of Health website</u> (doh.wa.gov); copies can also 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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