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Grant County man ordered to stop practicing medicine without a license

OLYMPIA — The state Department of Health has ordered Mario Palafox-Valle, a Quincy-area man with no health care credentials, to stop practicing medicine and pay a civil fine of \$3,000.

In November 2012, state health officials charged Palafox-Valle with practicing medicine without a license when he administered injections for cosmetic enhancement. Palafox-Valle injected a patient with an unknown substance on three occasions between June 2011 and June 2012, to augment her breasts and buttocks. When Palafox-Valle didn't respond to charges, the department issued a cease-and-desist order in January 2013.

The patient was told the injections were made of Perlutan, saline, silicone, and cuerpo amarillo. She had surgery to correct damage caused by the injections.

Only licensed health care professionals are allowed to give such injections. Palafox-Valle is not a licensed health care provider in Washington.

The Unlicensed Practice Program uses state law to stop people who aren't licensed from treating patients. If Palafox-Valle continues to practice without a license, the state Department of Health may ask for an injunction in superior court.

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