



# News Release

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## **Sex abuse charges lead to suspension of counselor, hypnotherapy credentials**

*Health professional from King County cannot practice pending the outcome*

**OLYMPIA** — Charges of sexually abusing a patient have led state health officials to immediately suspend the Certified Counselor and Hypnotherapy credentials of Ayhan Yavuz (CCC.60172338 and HYPN.60172567).

The charges say that Yavuz placed the patient's hand on Yavuz' penis and placed his penis in the patient's mouth. The conduct allegedly occurred during treatment sessions in December 2012.

Yavuz is alleged to have admitted to law enforcement that he had sexual contact with the patient.

Yavuz can't practice in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and to ask for a hearing.

The documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to call to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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