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## **State suspends Longview nurse's license due to sexual misconduct charges**

**OLYMPIA** — Allegations of sexual misconduct and substance abuse have led the Washington State Department of Health and the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission to immediately suspend the license of registered nurse Ivan Pedersen (RN60103268).

The charges say Pedersen, a Longview resident, sexually assaulted a woman while both of them were under the influence of drugs. The woman was unable to refuse or consent to sexual contact. She was found dead the next morning of an apparent drug overdose. Pedersen has 20 days to request a hearing.

The charging documents can be seen online by clicking "[Look up a health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#) or copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission protects public health and safety in Washington by regulation of nursing practice. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline.

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