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## **Snohomish County masseur surrenders license following sexual misconduct**

**OLYMPIA** — A Snohomish County massage practitioner surrendered his license following charges that he inappropriately touched two female clients.

State health officials suspended Robert G. Arkills (MA60219032) in March following an investigation and charges of sexual misconduct. Arkills inappropriately touched the breasts of two female clients who received massages in November 2013 and the following February.

In response to the suspension, Arkills waived his right to a hearing and voluntarily surrendered his credential to practice massage. A voluntary surrender means that Arkills has voluntarily given up his right to practice as a massage practitioner in Washington.

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

The Department of Health protects and promotes public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The agency establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms, and discipline. Rules, policies, and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to people in Washington.

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