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Gig Harbor physician suspended on allegations of making death threats

OLYMPIA — State health officials have immediately suspended the license of a Pierce County physician based on charges that he threatened to kill health care employees and bomb their office.

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission took action against Said Farzad (MD00044681) due to allegations that he is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety to consumers by reason of a mental condition. Farzad self-designates his practice specialties as psychiatry and child and adolescent psychiatry.

The commission was informed earlier this week that Farzad had made numerous phone calls to Molina HealthCare threatening to kill employees and blow up their building, because the insurance company rejected some of his patient's medical claims. He was arrested by the Bothell Police Department on four counts of telephone harassment, including a threat to kill, and one count of threat to bomb. Farzad posted bail and has been released.

Farzad's behavior was already being investigated based on charges that he crossed physician-patient boundaries in 2013 with two female patients, one an adult and the other an adolescent. Farzad took his 23-year-old patient to lunch, and gave her gifts and money. He exchanged personal text messages with the patient and continued to pursue a non-sexual social relationship after her medical treatment had ended. When the patient told Farzad that she was pregnant, he asked to be named the godfather and offered to raise her child.

Farzad agreed to treat the 14-year-old daughter of his employer and had extensive social interactions with her outside of their therapeutic relationship.

Legal documents in this case are available by calling 360-236-4700 or online by clicking the link to "[Provider Credential Search](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#).

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