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Lynnwood massage therapist suspended due to charges of sexual misconduct

OLYMPIA — State health officials have immediately suspended the license of Snohomish County massage therapist Steven Lee Cook on sexual misconduct charges.

Cook allegedly put one hand on a client's lower back and used his other hand to rub the client's vagina before digitally penetrating. He has also been charged in Snohomish County Superior Court with indecent liberties. Cook can't practice in Washington until the licensing 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 "[Health care provider](#)" on the [Department of Health website](#). Copies of the documents can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. That's also the number to file complaints against health care providers in Washington.

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