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Snohomish County massage therapist’s license suspended for 10 years for sexual misconduct

OLYMPIA — State health officials have suspended the license of Snohomish County massage practitioner **Benjamin A. Fesler** (MA00024647) for 10 years for sexual misconduct.

Fesler touched and spoke to a client in a sexual manner during a massage session. He has been charged in King County Superior Court with rape in the second degree, a class A felony. Fesler also didn’t file a response with the Department of Health on the statement of charges against his license within the time allowed.

Fesler may not petition for reinstatement of the credential for at least 10 years. Before reinstatement, Fesler must pay a \$2,500.00 fine and undergo a psycho-sexual evaluation.

The statement of charges, summary action order, and default order are available online by clicking the link to “[Look up a health care provider license](#)” on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can be requested by calling 360-236-4700. Anyone who believes a health care provider acted unprofessionally is encouraged to call that number to report their complaint.

The state Department of Health and Board of Massage protect and promote public health, safety, and welfare in Washington by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers. The board 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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