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Snohomish County nursing assistant suspended for sexual misconduct

OLYMPIA — An Everett nursing assistant was immediately suspended by state health officials on charges of sexually abusing a developmentally disabled woman in his care.

Charging documents state Emmett A. Zapata (NAR.NA.60067682) admitted to causing a vulnerable adult client to perform oral sex on him. The developmentally disabled woman was in her 40s.

Zapata cannot practice in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and ask for a hearing.

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

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