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Former Board of Naturopathy chair suspended following criminal charges

OLYMPIA — Naturopath Mark Monwai was immediately suspended by state health officials after he was criminally charged with identity theft and filing fraudulent insurance claims.

The former chair of the Board of Naturopathy allegedly submitted false claims to insurance companies seeking payment for providers who were not associated with his clinic or who had not treated the patients in question. Charges state that the King County naturopath also failed to adequately supervise or allowed an employee to practice outside the scope of practice and interfered with a Department of Health investigation. Monwai (NT000011073) pleaded guilty in King County Superior Court to two counts of fraudulent insurance claims.

He cannot practice as a naturopath in Washington until these charges are resolved and has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges.

The documents in this case 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.

The Board of Naturopathy protects public health and safety and promotes the welfare of the state by regulating the competency and quality of health care providers under its authority.

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