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Snohomish County nurse suspended due to mental health concerns

OLYMPIA -- A Snohomish County registered nurse's license has been immediately suspended by the state Nursing Commission due to concerns about her mental stability.

Charges state Patty Jane Maritzen (RN60435659) told her employer in March 2014 about experiencing disturbing events, which included believing a singer from a cult was stalking her and using astral projections to rearrange objects in her house. Maritzen also is alleged to have reported that the stalker and others had placed voodoo hexes on her. She was later found unable to safely perform the essential functions of a nurse during an examination by her employer.

Maritzen has 20 days to answer the charges and ask for a hearing. Maritzen cannot work as a registered nurse until the charges are resolved.

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 Nursing Commission protects public health and safety in Washington by regulation of nursing practice. The commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency, and discipline.

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