



# News Release

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## **Pierce Co. nurse has license permanently revoked due to sexual misconduct**

**OLYMPIA** -- State health officials permanently revoked the license of Pierce County Licensed Practical Nurse Michael Van Kirk (LPN.LP.00059992) based on allegations of sexual misconduct with a vulnerable adult.

Van Kirk forced a vulnerable adult to have sexual intercourse with him on multiple occasions. Several of these instances occurred at Van Kirk's home where the vulnerable adult sometimes stayed. Van Kirk's wife, who was a certified nursing assistant, provided in-home care services to the vulnerable adult.

The revocation completes the legal process that started with the immediate suspension of his license in August 2014. To protect the public, Van Kirk cannot apply for reinstatement of his nursing license in Washington.

The documents on this case are available online by clicking "[Provider Credential Search](#)" 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.

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