



# News Release

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## **Whatcom Co. pharmacy technician has been suspended for diverting drugs**

**OLYMPIA** -- State health officials have immediately suspended the credential of Whatcom County pharmacy technician Hazel Devitt (VA00042505). She is charged with diverting various Schedule II controlled substances from her former place of employment between April 2015 and September 2015.

Devitt allegedly signed a written statement admitting that she had been diverting controlled substances from the controlled substances safe. Charges also state that Devitt was captured on a pharmacy security camera taking drugs from the Pyxis drawer and placing them in her pocket. Devitt has 20 days to request a hearing to contest the charges and cannot practice as a pharmacy technician until the charges are resolved.

The documents for this case are available online by clicking the link to “[Provider Credential Search](#)” on the [Department of Health website](#); copies can also 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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