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Whatcom Co. pharmacist suspended for diverting drugs from his workplace

OLYMPIA -- The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission and the Washington State Department of Health have suspended the credential of Whatcom County pharmacist Christian P. Long (PH.00041549) pending further proceedings.

Long allegedly admitted he was impaired at work after he was seen stumbling, slurring his speech and was unable to focus on tasks. Long's credential was previously placed on probation following a 2013 reinstatement which included complying with a monitoring program. Charges also state that approximately 673 tablets of controlled substances had been diverted from the pharmacy where he worked during February 2016.

Long cannot practice as a pharmacist in Washington until the charges are resolved. He may ask for a hearing to contest these charges.

The documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link to [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.

The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission regulates pharmacists in Washington. The Commission establishes, monitors, and enforces qualifications for licensing, consistent standards of practice, continuing competency mechanisms and discipline. Rules, policies and procedures promote the delivery of quality health care to state residents.

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