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Chelan County nurse suspended after stealing drugs and threatening police

OLYMPIA — A Chelan County nurse’s license was immediately suspended by state health officials because of concerns that he is unable to practice safely due to a mental or physical condition.

The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission took action based on charges that John Dai Tarver (RN60435659) began acting bizarre, harassing co-workers and stole oxycodone from his workplace in Cashmere. Tarver also allegedly harassed and threatened police officers when confronted about his behavior at work and on other occasions that included him vandalizing an apartment complex. He sent threatening letters to the deputy who investigated the issues at work. One of the letters had a list titled “Weapons to purchase immediately after release.”

Tarver has been charged in Chelan County Superior Court with intimidating a public servant, two counts of felony harassment, three counts of third-degree assault, first-degree malicious mischief, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance-oxycodone.

Tarver has 20 days to contest the charges and suspension, and he cannot work as a registered nurse until the charges are resolved.

The documents can be seen online by clicking “Health care provider” on the Department of Health’s website. Copies of the documents 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 Care Quality Assurance 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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