



# News Release

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## **Alleged sexual misconduct leads to the immediate suspension of King County health care practitioner**

**OLYMPIA** – State health officials immediately suspended the credentials of Bakari M. Nkosi pending further legal action.

Charges state that Nkosi engaged in sexual misconduct during an unscheduled in-person meeting with a client in a treatment setting despite verbal objections. Mr. Nkosi holds certified nursing assistant, chemical dependency professional trainee, and agency-affiliated counselor credentials (NC.60489728, CO.60598008, CG.60538402).

Nkosi cannot practice under any of his credentials in Washington until the charges are resolved. He has 20 days to respond to the charges and request a hearing.

The legal documents on this case can be seen online by clicking the link on [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 this number and report their complaint.

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