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CHIROPRACTOR ORDERED NOT TO PRACTICE AFTER FELONY ARREST

*Sacramento area man charged with practicing medicine without a license
and grand theft*

James Joseph Martin, of West Sacramento, has been ordered not to practice chiropractic after his arrest for eight felony counts of grand theft and one felony count of practicing medicine without a license.

Martin was investigated at the request of the Medical Board of California and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners after a consumer complaint was received alleging that Martin was practicing medicine without a license. During the investigation, additional patient complaints about Martin were submitted to the Medical Board of California, the Board of Chiropractic Examiners and the Better Business Bureau. He was arrested in Redding on July 19, 2016.

Martin operated a business called "Dr. James Martin, D.PSc." and appeared on Sacramento morning news shows telling patients he was a "Thyroid and Diabetic Specialist" and practiced "Functional Neurology and Metabolic Medicine."

"D.PSc." is a designation for Doctor of Pastoral Science, which the Pastoral Medical Association website describes as a "license." According to the Medical Board of California, Doctor of Pastoral Science is not recognized in California and does not authorize anyone to practice medicine or any of the healing arts in the state.

Patients allegedly paid Martin large sums of money for his treatments. On various business cards and in conversations with patients, Martin used titles such as "Head Physician" and "Lic. MD (P)" and misrepresented himself as a "physician." The Board of Chiropractic Examiners has previously cited Martin for his advertising.

At his court appearance on July 22, 2016, the judge granted an order that prohibits Martin from performing any acts for which a chiropractic license is required until conclusion of his criminal matters and thereafter as a condition of probation until the anticipated administrative action is completed.

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During the hearing, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office also amended their criminal charges to include 11 felony counts of grand theft, one felony count of practicing medicine without a license and one misdemeanor count of representing himself as a physician.

The charges are the result of an investigation conducted by the Health Quality Investigation Unit - Sacramento Field Office of the California Department of Consumer Affairs' Division of Investigation.

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