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PSYCHOLOGIST SURRENDERS LICENSE DUE TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Bay Area psychologist was accused of having sexual relations with a patient

SACRAMENTO – A San Francisco psychologist has agreed to surrender her license after she was accused of sexual misconduct with a former patient.

The California Board of Psychology filed an accusation against licensed psychologist Christina Villarreal last month, alleging sexual misconduct with a former patient, sexual exploitation and unprofessional conduct.

In its accusation, the Board of Psychology sought to revoke or suspend Villarreal's license. Villarreal, a practitioner in private practice, chose to resolve the accusation by agreeing to surrender her license to the Board of Psychology effective June 2, 2017, and waiving her rights to a hearing.

View the accusation and the order here.

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