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PSYCHOLOGIST SURRENDERS LICENSE DUE TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT

Bay Area psychologist was accused of having a sexual relationship with student trainee

SACRAMENTO – A Daly City psychologist has agreed to surrender his license after he was accused of sexual misconduct with a former student trainee.

In June 2017, the California Board of Psychology filed an accusation against licensed psychologist Rex Bierley, alleging sexual misconduct and unprofessional conduct by engaging in a sexual relationship with a former student trainee.

In its accusation, the board sought to revoke or suspend Bierley's license. Bierley, a supervisor in the psychology department of a Kaiser Permanente facility, chose to resolve the accusation by agreeing to waive his right to a hearing, and surrender his license to the board, effective August 24, 2017.

Click here to view the accusation.

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