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REGISTERED PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSISTANT HAD SEX WITH AND BRIBED PATIENT; FALSIFIED RECORDS TO HOMELAND SECURITY

Riverside man fabricated documents to show supervision under licensed psychologist

SACRAMENTO – The California Board of Psychology (Board) is seeking to revoke the license of a Riverside registered psychological assistant for allegedly committing 15 causes for discipline, including engaging in sexual misconduct with a patient, impersonating a licensed psychologist, bribing a patient, and falsifying documentation to the Board and to the US Department of Homeland Security.

According to an accusation filed by the Office of the Attorney General on behalf of the Board, Isaac Carreon, license #<u>94021734</u>, maintained a sexual relationship with a patient he was treating for a suicide attempt linked to the patient's marital problems. When the patient threatened to report Carreon to the Board, he offered her \$15,000 to stay silent, and executed a notarized nondisclosure agreement.

In addition, Carreon's position as a registered psychological assistant required the affirmation that a licensed psychologist supervised him. The accusation alleges that Carreon forged a licensed psychologist's signature on the affirmation and provided his cell phone as the contact telephone number for the psychologist.

Carreon also represented himself as a licensed psychologist on multiple immigration forms submitted on behalf of immigrant patients to the US Department of Homeland Security, and failed to disclose to the Board that he had been convicted of a felony for driving under the influence of alcohol and subsequent discipline handed down by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences, which revoked his license as a marriage and family therapist in January of 2019.

In addition of the revocation of Carreon's license, the Board seeks reimbursement for costs related to the investigation. The accusation is available to view at https://search.dca.ca.gov.

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