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BOARD SEEKS TO REVOKE LICENSE OF PEBBLE BEACH PSYCHOLOGIST

Psychologist Convicted of Possession of Child Pornography

SACRAMENTO – The California Board of Psychology has filed an accusation seeking to revoke of the license of Robert Thomas Hennessy, Ph.D. of Pebble Beach, license #4698. Hennessy was convicted of possessing child pornography images in September 2019.

According to the Accusation, Hennessy was convicted of child pornography possession following a warrant that uncovered numerous child pornography images on a computer during a search of his home and computers. During criminal proceedings, Hennessy admitted that he downloaded the photos from the "Dark Net."

Hennessy pled no contest and was sentenced to 100 days of home confinement and placed on probation for three years. Additionally, this conviction requires that Hennessy register as a sex offender, making him ineligible for future licensure or registration with the Board.

The accusation is available to view at https://search.dca.ca.gov.

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