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BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY SEEKS TO REVOKE PSYCHOLOGIST'S LICENSE FOR SEX WITH INMATE

Elk Grove psychologist convicted of engaging in sexual relationship with inmate in her care

SACRAMENTO – The California Board of Psychology (Board) is seeking to revoke an Elk Grove psychologist's license following her criminal conviction for having a sexual relationship with an incarcerated patient in her care.

Jacqueline S. Smith, license #[29190](#), was an employee of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation in 2016 when she entered into a sexual relationship with an inmate in her care at the California Health Care Facility in Stockton, according to the accusation filed by the Office of the Attorney General on the Board's behalf.

The inmate was found to have a contraband cell phone containing text messages between Smith and the inmate that indicated the inmate and Smith engaged in a sexual relationship.

In criminal court, Smith pled no contest to the charge of sexual activity with an inmate. California Penal Code 289.6 expressly prohibits health facility staff from engaging in sexual activity with inmates, even with the inmate's consent.

In addition to the revocation of Smith'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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