



# News Release

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## **Medical Board of California investigation results in arrest of Los Angeles area physician**

Sacramento—The Medical Board of California announced that Pez Abrahams, M.D., a physician practicing in Winnetka, was arrested today on a warrant for sexual battery on a patient. It is alleged that during a medical examination for the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service, Dr. Abrahams inappropriately examined a patient. He was arrested on a warrant charging him with two felony counts, Penal Code section 289(d), unlawful sexual penetration, and Penal Code section 243.4(c), sexual battery. Investigators with the Medical Board's Operation Safe Medicine, along with the Los Angeles Police Department conducted the investigation that led to the arrest and criminal charges against Abrahams.

“This investigation, arrest, and the formal criminal charges stemming from the investigation reflects positively on the Medical Board's ongoing commitment to fulfill the mission of public protection,” said Linda Whitney, Executive Director of the Medical Board.

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