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Board's Prescription Drug Strike Force Arrests Bay Area Physician

San Jose - The Medical Board of California's Prescription Drug Strike Force arrested Dr. Duke D. Fisher at his San Jose office for allegedly prescribing controlled substances without a legitimate purpose.

The probable cause arrest came after the Board received a complaint alleging that Dr. Fisher would prescribe any medication the customer requested *in exchange* for cash. Multiple undercover operations were conducted. It was found that Dr. Fisher prescribed controlled substances without a legitimate medical purpose and prescribed controlled substances to a customer who admitted to using heroin and methamphetamines.

Dr. Fisher was charged with violations of Health and Safety Code sections 11153, prescribing without a legitimate medical purpose, and 11156, prescribing to an addict; and Business and Professions Code section 725, excessive prescribing of drugs.

Dr. Fisher has two offices, one in San Jose and one in Monterey, California. His bail is set at \$64,000.

The mission of the Medical Board of California is to protect health care consumers through proper licensing and regulation of physicians and surgeons and certain allied health care professions and through the vigorous, objective enforcement of the Medical Practice Act, and, to promote access to quality medical care through the Board's licensing and regulatory functions.

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