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Rancho Palos Verdes Doctor Surrenders License after Conviction for Writing Unlawful Prescriptions

(Sacramento, California) – Richard Seongjun Kim of Rancho Palos Verdes, who was convicted of writing unlawful controlled substance prescriptions and sentenced to 36 months in a Los Angeles County jail, has surrendered his license to practice medicine. Kim agreed to a stipulated surrender of his license and disciplinary order, which took effect on March 8, 2018.

“The Medical Board of California is continuing its fight against the opioid crisis and fulfilling its mission of consumer protection,” said Kimberly Kirchmeyer, the Board’s Executive Director.

On September 20, 2016, Kim was found guilty on 17 felony counts of issuing unlawful controlled substance prescriptions in violation of [Health and Safety Code section 11153\(a\)](#). According to the Board’s Accusation, Kim sold various controlled substances including Norco, Xanax, Soma, and Ultram to undercover U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents on five separate occasions between October and December of 2014.

Per a court order, Kim was restricted from writing any prescriptions for controlled substances since July 2015.

The Stipulated Surrender of License and Accusation against Kim, can be found on his [physician profile page](#).

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