

Doctor, chiropractor suspended two years for sexual misconduct

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A B.C. doctor and a chiropractor have both been suspended for two years each after admitting to sexual misconduct with patients.

Chiropractor Dr. Gavin Maxwell of Nanaimo admitted to the College of Chiropractors of British Columbia that he engaged in sexual conduct with a patient contrary to the college's professional standards.

A Jan. 3 public notice said Maxwell also acknowledged that he initially provided a false response to the college about the allegations against him.

"He later voluntarily admitted to engaging in sexual conduct with the patient," the notice said.

Maxwell agreed to a reprimand and to not apply for reinstatement with the college or be involved in the practice of chiropractic in B.C. for two years.

He also agreed to complete an ethics and boundaries course before applying for reinstatement with the college or engaging in the practice of chiropractic in any capacity in any jurisdiction.

Meanwhile, Dr. Norman Keith Lea of Nakusp admitted to the College of Physicians and Surgeons of B.C. that he engaged in unprofessional conduct by entering into a personal and sexual relationship with a patient.

A Jan. 3 college discipline notice said Lea violated the patient-physician relationship by not only entering into a sexual and intimate relationship with a patient, but doing so during her scheduled appointments with him in his office.

Lea is now subject to a formal published reprimand, two years' suspension from practice, completion of remedial programming, meeting with the college registrar and monitoring of his practice in future.

CAPITAL REGION SITES

Where to take Christmas trees for chipping

Times Colonist

With the holidays winding down, it's time to start thinking about where to take your Christmas tree to get it chipped.

The Capital Regional District has put together the following list of Christmas-tree chipping sites. Community events are typically by donation, while there are fees at most public works yards.

Remember to remove all screws, nails, lights and ornaments from the tree before recycling, as they can pose a hazard while passing through chipping equipment.

Know of another event? Let us know by sending an email to localnews@timescolonist.com. Be sure to tell us when and where it is happening and who the organizer is. Put the words "tree chipping" in the subject line.

TREE-CHIPPING EVENTS

• **Castaway Wanderers Rugby Football Club** — Currie Road, next to the Windsor Park Rose Garden, Jan. 7-8 and Jan. 14. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. each day.

• **Central Music Parents Association (CMPA)** — 1280 Fort St. Jan. 7-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **Central Saanich Lions Club** — 1700 Reating Cross Rd., across from Municipal Works Yard, Jan. 2, 3, 7 and 8, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

• **Claremont Key Club** — Claremont Secondary School, 4980 Wesley Rd. Jan. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Jan. 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

• **Colwood Volunteer Firefighter's Association** — Colwood Fire Hall, 3215 Metcoshin Rd. Jan. 7-8, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

• **Community Living Victoria** — 3861 Cedar Hill Cross Rd. Jan. 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **Compassionate Resource Warehouse** — Archie Browning Sports Centre Parking Lot, 1151 Esquimalt Rd. Jan. 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **Easter Seals** — Jan. 7-8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Trees can be dropped off at several locations: Greater Victoria, Tillicum Shopping Centre, Save-on-Foods, Fort and Foul Bay, Westshore Town Centre, Broadmead Village Shopping Centre.

• **Mason's Store & Patio Ltd.** (Jan. 7 only) Mill Bay — Thrifty Foods Duncan — B.C. Forest Discovery Centre.

• **Juan de Fuca Search and Rescue** — 1210 Childlow Connector (Slegg Lumber), Jan. 7, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

• **Juan de Fuca Scouts** — Belmont Secondary School, 3041 Langford Lake Rd. Jan. 7, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

• **Knights of Columbus** — St. Joseph the Worker Parish, 753 Burnside Rd. West, Jan. 7, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **McKenzie Elementary Parents Advisory Council** — 4005 Raymond St. North, McKenzie Elementary School (back parking lot), Jan. 7-8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

• **Oak Bay Fire Tree Recycling** — 1703 Monterey Ave., Fireman's Park (behind the fire hall), Jan. 7-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **St. Patrick's Elementary School PAC** — 2568 Trent St.

Jan. 7-8, 1-3 p.m.

• **Sidney Lions Club** — Overflow parking lot of Iroquois Park on Ocean Ave. Jan. 7, 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **Sidney PAC** — Sidney Elementary parking lot, 2281 Henry Ave. Jan. 7, 1-3 p.m. and Jan. 8, 8-9 a.m.-5 p.m.

• **Victoria Judo Club** — Lochside Elementary School, 1145 Royal Oak Dr. Jan. 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

• **Victoria Judo Club** — Scout House, 505 Marigold Rd. Jan. 7 and 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

OTHER PLACES TO TAKE GARDEN WASTE

Please confirm hours of operation, restrictions and charges before dropping off your tree.

• **Ellice Recycle** — 524 David St. Monday to Friday 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

• **Hartland Landfill** — 1 Hartland Ave. Monday to Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Closed on Sunday and statutory holidays. 250-360-3030.

• **Colwood public works yard** — 3300 Wishart Rd. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of the month. 250-475-1133.

• **Esquimalt View Royal yard and waste transfer station** — 605 Canteen Rd. Tuesday to Sunday 8 a.m.-5 p.m., excluding statutory holidays. 250-883-8683.

• **North Saanich public works yard** — 10180 Littlewood Rd. Open 8 a.m. to noon, Jan. 12 and 16 and every Saturday except for Dec. 31. 250-656-0781.

• **Saanich public works yard** — 1040 McKenzie Ave. Open Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed all other days, plus statutory holidays. 250-475-5599.

• **Victoria public works yard** — 417 Garbally Rd. Saturdays 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. 250-361-0400.



The Pacific Institution. A prison union spokesman says a pigeon carrying a miniature backpack filled with drugs was captured last week at the B.C. correctional facility. PACIFIC INSTITUTION VIA CP

Pigeon wearing meth backpack caught at prison, says union boss

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The Canadian Press

VANCOUVER — A prison union spokesman says a pigeon carrying a miniature backpack filled with drugs was captured last week at a B.C. correctional institution.

John Randle, Pacific regional president of the Union of Canadian Correctional Officers, said the bird was apprehended at Pacific Institution in Abbotsford, 80 kilometres east of Vancouver.

He said a fabric backpack tied to the pigeon contained crystal methamphetamine.

Randle said he was told by officers that the grey bird was spotted with its unusual cargo on Dec. 29 in a yard at the facility, and they set up a trap to catch it.

Davinder Aujla, an assistant warden at Pacific Institution, confirmed there was a "recent

interception of contraband" at the facility and the matter is under investigation.

Randle said in recent years, prison officers had been on the lookout for drones carrying drugs and other contraband, but it was the first time in his 13 years as a corrections officer he had heard of a live bird being used.

"My initial reaction was shock because of all the advancements in technology and the number of drones we've seen. The fact that it's tied to a pigeon is abnormal," said Randle. He said smugglers would have had difficulty getting a bird to land in a precise location, compared to a drone.

But he suggested they had gone "old school" because of officers' increasing awareness of drug-smuggling drones, which he said were encountered daily.

"They have gone backward

in technology, maybe that's because of all the work we have done with drone interdiction that they are trying to find new ways to get contraband in without being detected."

Using a pigeon raised investigative difficulties compared with drones, said Randle, because the precision of a drone made it easier to pinpoint the intended recipient of the contraband. He said the case was an indication of how creative criminals were becoming in smuggling drugs, which should be a "massive concern to everybody."

"The introduction of drugs into federal prisons is becoming a huge crisis... the whole goal of prisons is to rehabilitate and release people into society as law-abiding citizens, [so] introducing drugs is scary and especially a drug like crystal meth."

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