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BOARD SEEKS TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND LICENSE OF LOS ANGELES PSYCHOLOGIST

Licensee Allegedly Engaged In Predatory Sexual Conduct With Patient

SACRAMENTO – The California Board of Psychology (Board) has filed an accusation seeking to revoke or suspend the license of Donald M. Goodman, #[22613](#), for alleged sexual exploitation of a patient, engaging in a manipulative and exploitative relationship with a patient, failure to maintain proper records, failure to ethically terminate therapy, gross and repeated negligence, and general unprofessional conduct.

According to the [accusation](#), the Board received a complaint against Goodman from the victim's health provider in April 2021 regarding treatment provided by Goodman to the victim starting in 2017. During the course of treatment, Goodman allegedly extended unwanted sexual contact including groping and hugs with force that caused injury to the patient, requested gifts from the victim, offered the victim unsolicited information about his sex life, gave the victim treatment notes without making sufficient copies, and ended treatment without a proper treatment plan for the victim.

As a result of the Board's investigation into the complaint, an [accusation](#) was filed on August 9, 2023. It is available on the licensee's [search page](#) at <https://search.dca.ca.gov>.

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The Board would like to remind consumers that its brochure "[Therapy Never Includes Sexual Behavior](#)" is available online to view or download. For information on how to file a complaint or for information about the Board of Psychology, visit <http://www.psychology.ca.gov/>.

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