



STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
Olympia, Washington 98504

RE: Lu Gao  
Master Case No.: M2022-824  
Document: Statement of Charges

Regarding your request for information about the above-named practitioner; attached is a true and correct copy of the document on file with the State of Washington, Department of Health, Adjudicative Clerk Office. These records are considered Certified by the Department of Health.

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The following information has been withheld:

Child victim of sexual assault pursuant to RCW 42.56.240(2) and (5),  
RCW 10.97.130.

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**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
SECRETARY OF HEALTH**

In the Matter of

**LU GAO**

Credential No. MD.MD.60815256

Respondent

**No. M2022-824**

**STATEMENT OF CHARGES**

This matter was referred by the Washington Medical Commission (Commission) to the Secretary of Health per RCW 18.130.062. An Expedited Case Management Team, on delegation by the Secretary of Health (Secretary), makes the allegations below, which are supported by the evidence contained in case no. 2022-10145.

**1. ALLEGED FACTS**

1.1 On December 22, 2017, the state of Washington issued Respondent a credential to practice as a physician and surgeon. Respondent's credential is currently active.

1.2 Respondent repeatedly had inappropriate physical contact with a minor, Party A, when she was between the ages of thirteen (13) to eighteen (18), approximately between the dates of July 2008 to October 2013.

1.3 Respondent would go into Party A's bedroom, lock the door, and tell her to put on white stockings or pantyhose and rub his penis between her legs until he would ejaculate.

1.4 On a few occasions, Respondent would rub his penis between Party A's feet, and force his tongue into her mouth, and made her touch his penis.

1.5 Party A recalled sometimes waking up with no underwear on and seeing the Respondent at the foot of her bed.

1.6 Respondent did not deny the allegations when Party A's [REDACTED] confronted him.

1.7 The [REDACTED] of Party A recalled, after confronting Respondent, that she later found two (2) pornographic CDs in Respondent's drawer with young girls wearing stockings on the cover.

1.8 Bellevue Police Department (BPD) obtained screenshots of messages between Respondent and Party A's [REDACTED] discussing Party A and the allegations. In those messages, Respondent made inculpatory comments such as:

- "I promise I won't be bad to her."
- "I'm not going to do anything to her."
- "What happened in the past can't be changed."
- "I'm very respectful to her now."
- "The more we bring it up the more people will get involved."

1.9 On August 18, 2022, BPD arrested Respondent and charged him with one (1) count of Child Molestation in the Second Degree – Domestic Violence and one (1) count of Child Molestation in the Third Degree – Domestic Violence.

1.10 Respondent is currently on electronically monitored house arrest.

## 2. ALLEGED VIOLATIONS

2.1 Based on the Alleged Facts, Respondent has committed unprofessional conduct in violation of RCW 18.130.180(1), which provides in part:

**RCW 18.130.180 Unprofessional conduct.** The following conduct, acts, or conditions constitute unprofessional conduct for any license holder under the jurisdiction of this chapter:

(1) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption relating to the practice of the person's profession, whether the act constitutes a crime or not. If the act constitutes a crime, conviction in a criminal proceeding is not a condition precedent to disciplinary action. Upon such a conviction, however, the judgment and sentence is conclusive evidence at the ensuing disciplinary hearing of the guilt of the license holder of the crime described in the indictment or information, and of the person's violation of the statute on which it is based. For the purposes of this section, conviction includes all instances in which a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is the basis for the conviction and all proceedings in which the sentence has been deferred or suspended. Nothing in this section abrogates rights guaranteed under chapter 9.96A RCW;

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2.2 The above violation provides grounds for imposing sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

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### 3. NOTICE TO RESPONDENT

The charges in this document affect the public health and safety. The Expedited Case Management Team directs that a notice be issued and served on Respondent as provided by law, giving Respondent the opportunity to defend against these charges. If Respondent fails to defend against these charges, Respondent shall be subject to discipline pursuant to RCW 18.130.180 and the imposition of sanctions under RCW 18.130.160.

DATED: December 19, 2022.

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*Kirby Putscher*

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## CONFIDENTIAL SCHEDULE

**This information is confidential and is NOT to be released without the consent of the individual or individuals named herein. RCW 42.56.240(1).**

Party A:

