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Medical Board of California investigation leads to arrest of La Mesa man for the unlicensed practice of medicine

Sacramento— Medical Board of California Executive Director Linda K. Whitney announced today that the Board's Operation Safe Medicine Unit, along with the San Diego District Attorney's Office, served a search and arrest warrant on Keith Allen Barton of La Mesa, California. It is alleged Barton was treating patients who had been diagnosed with serious medical conditions. It is also alleged that Barton had assumed the identity of a licensed physician in California and thereby allowed his patients to believe he was a licensed physician while treating them and promising they would be cured. It is also alleged Barton charged his patients thousands of dollars for his treatments.

Barton was charged with three counts of practicing medicine without a license, one count of using the personal identifying information of another, and one count of grand theft.

Anyone with information concerning Barton practicing medicine or any other pertinent information is encouraged to contact the Medical Board at (800) 633-2322.

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.

If you have a question or complaint about the health care you are receiving, the Board encourages you to visit its Web site at www.mbc.ca.gov or call (800) 633-2322.

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