



# News Release

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## Medical Board Sting Key to Arrest in Unlicensed Practice of Medicine

Los Angeles – Arrest warrants for Michael William Smith and Julie Seokyoung Kim have been issued on charges of unlicensed practice of medicine, unlicensed corporate practice, identity theft, theft by false pretenses, conspiracy, and perjury. The arrests stem from the Medical Board of California's investigation into iLaser MediSpa located on Olympic Boulevard, in Los Angeles.

The Medical Board received a complaint that individuals at iLaser were practicing medicine without a license. A Korean brochure indicated iLaser was under the management of Kim and Smith. A Medical Board Investigator posed as a patient wanting Botox and Kim, a Registered Nurse, proceeded to provide the treatment without a doctor's order. Upon being confronted Smith admitted to aiding and abetting the unlicensed practice of medicine by allowing Kim to practice on her own. At that time Smith identified himself as Dr. Michael Franzblau, a California licensed physician and surgeon. Smith had taken Franzblau's identity and produced Franzblau's medical license as his own. Smith, a dentist whose license has been suspended, was using Franzblau's license to illegally practice medicine and order prescriptions. The iLaser MediSpa is no longer open for business, and another solo practice location in Santa Monica, where Smith resides, has also been closed.

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