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Medical Board investigation leads to arrest of a Valley Center Man for the unlicensed practice of medicine

San Diego - Based on a complaint resulting in an undercover investigation by the Medical Board's Operation Safe Medicine Unit, San Diego law enforcement arrested Robert Oldham Young for conspiring to practice medicine without a license and multiple counts of grand theft.

The Medical Board worked in conjunction with the San Diego District Attorney's Office after an undercover investigator infiltrated Young's avocado ranch where he was illegally treating patients. Both the Medical Board's investigator and an investigator from the San Diego District Attorney's Office were diagnosed with diseases and offered very pricy treatments. Many of Young's patients were actually chronically ill and spent sums of up to \$50,000 for Young's treatment.

Young is the author of "The ph Miracle," a diet designed to "alkalinize the body." However, Young took it a step too far when he went beyond advocating dietary changes and began using intravenous treatments on patients housed at his avocado ranch in Valley Center.

"We take these cases very seriously when healthcare consumers are denied proper treatment due to their reliance on unlicensed individuals. Their fraudulent activities put the public at risk and create a life or death situation for those who need the right professional treatment," said the Medical Board's Interim Executive Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer. "Results, such as those achieved in this case, demonstrate the Board's commitment to consumer protection."

The District Attorney's office and the Medical Board believe there may be more victims that have not been identified. Anyone with information is asked to contact the San Diego District Attorney's Office directly at 619-531-3507.

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.

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