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JOINT INVESTIGATION LEADS TO SEVERAL ARRESTS IN ORANGE PARK

TALLAHASSEE— The Florida Department of Health's Jacksonville Unlicensed Activity (ULA) Unit announced a joint investigation with the Clay County Sheriff's Office, assisted by the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office. The investigation has led to the arrests of Song Suk Mo, Angela Kim and Sinae Bushue Chong for the alleged unlicensed practice of massage therapy, which is a 3rd degree felony and punishable by up to one year in jail.

The joint operation was conducted on September 16 and 17, 2013 at three facilities in the Orange Park area. Those massage establishments were Bada Jax Corp D/B/A Ocean Spa at 1999 Wells Rd, JR Mountain Corp D/B/A Ichiban Health Center at 2141 Lochrane Blvd. and the Red Lantern Health Center at 1871 Wells Rd.

There are several consumer resources provided by the Department to combat unlicensed activity. Consumers are encouraged to use the Web site <u>flhealthsource.com</u> to conveniently review the licenses of their health care practitioners. Consumers can file a complaint against a health care practitioner anonymously by completing an unlicensed activity complaint form or calling 1-877-HALT-ULA or 1-888-419-3456.

The Department's unlicensed activity program protects Florida residents and visitors from the potentially serious and dangerous consequences of receiving medical and health care services from an unlicensed person. The Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) investigates and refers for prosecution all unlicensed health care activity complaints and allegations. The unlicensed activity unit works in conjunction with law enforcement and the state attorney's offices to prosecute individuals practicing without a license.

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