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JOINT UNLICENSED ACTIVITY INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST IN DAVIE, FLORIDA



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Tallahassee, Fla.—The Florida Department of Health’s Fort Lauderdale Unlicensed Activity (ULA) Unit announced that their joint investigation with the Miami-Dade Police Department, Hialeah Police Department, the Broward County Sheriff’s Office and the Miami State Attorney Office has led to the arrest of Mark David Schreiber for the alleged unlicensed practice of medicine. Providing health care without a license can be a third degree felony and punishable by a minimum of one year incarceration.

On July 31, 2015, during a joint operation with the Miami-Dade Police Department, Hialeah Police Department and The Broward County Sheriff’s Office, an arrest warrant was issued by 11th Judicial Circuit of the Court for Mark David Schreiber, who was arrested by the Broward Sheriff’s Office. A Cease and Desist notice was issued and served by the Department of Health for the unlicensed practice of medicine.

The department has several resources to combat unlicensed activity:

- Consumers are encouraged to use the department’s website www.flhealthsource.gov where they can conveniently view the license information of their health care practitioner.
- Complaints may be filed anonymously by completing and mailing the complaint form on the Florida Department of Health’s website, calling 1-877-HALT-ULA, or emailing haltula@flhealth.gov.

The department’s ULA 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 department’s 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. In many instances, unlicensed activity is a felony-level criminal offense. More importantly, receiving health care from unlicensed people is dangerous and can result in further injury, disease or even death.

Working in conjunction with 22 boards and six councils, MQA regulates seven types of facilities and 200-plus license types in more than 40 healthcare professions. MQA

evaluates the credentials of all applicants for licensure, issues licenses, analyzes and investigates complaints, inspects facilities, assists in prosecuting practice act violations, combats unlicensed activity, and provides credential and discipline history about licensees to the public. Visit www.flhealthsource.gov for additional information about MQA.

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