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JOINT INVESTIGATION LEADS TO ARREST IN WEST PALM BEACH



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Tallahassee, Fla.— The Florida Department of Health’s Unlicensed Activity (ULA) Unit Jupiter office announced their joint investigation with Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office has led to the arrest of Malachi A. Love-Robinson for the alleged unlicensed practice of Medicine, which is a third degree felony and punishable by up to one year in jail.

The joint operation was conducted by Florida Department of Health investigators and agents from Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office. When they arrived at the New Birth New Life Holistic and Alternative Medical Center and Urgent Care located at 4700 N. Congress Avenue, Suite 303 in West Palm Beach, Mr. Love-Robinson was found to be advertising and identifying himself as a medical doctor and practicing medicine. Mr. Love-Robinson is not licensed in the State of Florida to practice as a medical doctor. He was taken into custody by Palm Beach County Sheriff’s Office for the unlicensed practice of medicine.

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 by completing and mailing the complaint form on the Florida Department of Health’s Web site, calling 1-877-HALT-ULA, or emailing HALTULA@flhealth.gov.

The department’s Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) investigates and refers for prosecution all unlicensed health care activity complaints and allegations. The ULA 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 could 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 health care 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:

<http://www.flhealthsource.gov> for additional information about MQA.

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