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Sac doctor arrested on suspicion of sexually assaulting patients

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A Sacramento County physician has been arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting three female patients who saw him for exams related to workers compensation claims in 2009, authorities said today.



Scott Dodd Anderson (photo left), 60, was arrested this morning and booked into the Sacramento County Main Jail on suspicion of multiple charges, including felony sexual exploitation by a physician, rape and attempted sodomy, booking records show.

In all, Anderson faces 30 counts of abuse, according to the Sacramento County District Attorney's complaint against him.

He is being held in lieu of \$750,000 bail and is scheduled to be arraigned Friday. From the Main Jail, he declined to talk to a Bee reporter.

Sacramento County sheriff's detectives began investigating Anderson in December, after one of his three victims told her family of the alleged abuse, said sheriff's Sgt. Tim Curran. The woman's family encouraged her to contact authorities.

Detectives identified two more alleged victims during the course of their investigation, Curran said. The women range in age from their early 30s to their early 60s.

The women suffered the alleged abuse while visiting Anderson at the U.S. HealthWorks clinic on Folsom Boulevard,

near La Riviera Drive, between May 2009 and September 2009, Curran said. (An earlier version of this story had an incorrect location for the clinic at which Anderson worked.)

The women were being examined in connection with workers compensation claims.

Curran said Anderson left that clinic in September 2009, and investigators could not find any record of him practicing medicine since then.

Detectives suspect there are more victims who have not come forward, Curran said.

Anderson graduated from the Tufts University School of Medicine in 1975 and received his California license to practice medicine two years later, according to the Medical Board of California's online records.

His license, which is renewed and current, is scheduled to expire in May 2011, the records show.

According to Sacramento Superior Court records, Anderson pleaded no contest to a misdemeanor charge of disturbing the peace in 1999. Records show he was not given probation for the conviction.

Anyone with information about these crimes is asked to call sexual assault detectives at (916) 874-5070 or Crime Alert at (916) 443-HELP. (An earlier version of this story had a wrong phone number for the detectives.)

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