

Chiropractor Sentenced for Practicing Medicine without License, Grand Theft



Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

Semper Justitia

DATE: May 30, 2018

CASE: James Joseph Martin (Case #16FE010473)

PROSECUTOR: James Joseph Martin (Case #16FE010473)

The Honorable Patrick Marlette sentenced James Joseph Martin to 1 year in jail and 5 years felony probation. Additionally, he was ordered to pay restitution to all victims named in the complaint, required to surrender his chiropractic license and prohibited from portraying himself as someone who practices functional or pastoral medicine.

On February 9, 2018, Martin pled guilty to three counts of felony practicing medicine without a license, four counts of felony grand theft by false pretenses and misdemeanor charges of illegally using 'MD' and 'physician' in advertisements.

Martin regularly appeared on a local television program, Sac & Co. His infomercials were designed to look like an interview. Martin, a licensed chiropractor, portrayed himself as a functional neurologist who practiced metabolic or pastoral medicine, specializing in treating conditions of the thyroid, neuropathy and other health conditions. Many of Martin's patients thought he was a medical doctor. Some patients paid thousands of dollars for his treatment, which primarily consisted of Martin prescribing over the counter supplements and then selling them at a significant mark up.

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