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SALINAS DOCTOR PLEADS GUILTY TO COMMITTING LEWD CONDUCT AND RELINQUISHES HIS MEDICAL LICENSE

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Monterey County District Attorney Dean D. Flippo announced today that Robert Wlodarczyk, age 73, a resident of Monterey, pled guilty to one count of committing lewd or dissolute conduct in public.

Wlodarczyk is a cardiologist who has worked at the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital since 1994. On October 21, 2016, he performed a cardiac catheterization procedure on Jane Doe at the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. During this procedure, Jane Doe was given various medications including Versed and Fentanyl and placed under sedation. After the procedure was concluded, two medical personnel observed Wlodarczyk place his hands on Jane Doe's breasts for about thirty seconds while he was speaking to Jane Doe. Jane Doe was wearing a medical gown, and was covered with a blanket and a drape at the time. Wlodarczyk placed his hands on Doe over her gown, blanket, and drapes. Due to the sedation, Jane Doe was not aware that Wlodarczyk was touching her breasts, however, when she woke up, she noticed that Wlodarczyk's face was very close to her face, as he was explaining what he saw during the procedure. Jane Doe never gave Wlodarczyk permission to touch her breasts.

At today's sentencing hearing, Jane Doe bravely addressed Wlodarczyk and described the traumatic effects of sexual assault. Wlodarczyk was sentenced by Judge Thomas W. Wills to three years of probation and 180 days in custody suspended. Wlodarczyk is required to permanently relinquish his medical license. Judge Wills also ordered Wlodarczyk to have no contact with Jane Doe for ten years, the maximum term provided by law.

The case was investigated by District Attorney Investigator Erik Morris and Officer Carvey from the Salinas Police Department.