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PRESS RELEASE
**Napa County District Attorney Settles Civil Lawsuit
for the Unlicensed Practice of Psychology**

Napa County District Attorney Allison Haley announced today that her office settled a civil consumer protection lawsuit against Dr. Patricia Gray regarding the unlawful practice of psychology.

California law prohibits anyone from practicing psychology or advertising themselves as a psychologist unless they hold a current and valid psychologist's license issued by the Board of Psychology ("Board"). A person may practice as a psychological associate if they are registered with the Board and operate under the supervision of a licensed psychologist, but they may not advertise themselves as a psychologist.

The complaint alleges that Dr. Gray held herself out to the public as a psychologist and practiced as a psychologist without a current and valid license issued by the Board.

As part of the settlement, the Napa County Superior Court ordered Dr. Gray to pay a total of \$20,797 in civil penalties and investigative costs. Dr. Gray is prohibited from practicing psychology or referring to herself as a psychologist without a current and valid license issued by the Board. She is further prohibited from making any false or misleading statements regarding her license status.

The case was initially investigated by the Board of Psychology and stemmed from a complaint filed with the Board. Dr. Gray worked cooperatively with the District Attorney's office throughout the investigation.