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Nursing Commission names schools associated with Florida investigation and denies related nursing applications (update)

May 5, 2023, Tumwater, WA – In conjunction with an ongoing investigation into the legitimacy of multiple Florida-based nursing schools, the Washington state Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission (NCQAC) takes action to rescind licenses or deny applicant licenses associated with the following updated list of Florida-based nursing schools:

- Carleen Health Institute
- Siena College of Health
- Med-Life Institute School of Nursing
- Med-Life Institute of South Florida
- Palm Beach School of Nursing

These schools have been identified as participants in the scheme to issue fraudulent nursing diplomas and supporting documents through a federal investigation known as *Operation Nightingale*.

NCQAC has denied the following applicants for RN licensure in Washington state with academic credentials from certain Florida-based nursing schools on the basis of failure to prove qualifications for licensure:

- Adeoye, Mojisola
- Ayoti, Christine
- Cenord, Guerry
- Chirac, Michaelle
- Fagundo, Victor
- Harris, Heather
- Igbinigie, Loretta
- Janvier, Marie
- Kimani, Charles
- Kollie, Seeta
- Mosebolatan, Habeebah
- Muraguri, Jane
- Ogunyooye, Oyefunke
- Osunde, Shalom
- Sosi, Edwin

NCQAC will update the list of actions to rescind licenses or deny applications on a weekly basis, or when such actions become final.

Employers are encouraged to verify the license of any new or existing employee through the <u>DOH Provider</u> <u>Credential Search</u>.

See our previous news releases and get the <u>full list of updated names and actions</u> on our website.

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