Former FM surgeon charged with sexual misconduct

Darrow will maintain license but must comply with state corrections, pay $5,000 fine

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG

FORT MADISON - A 68-year-old former Fort Madison surgeon has been cited by the Iowa Board of Medicine for sexual misconduct.

Joseph C. Darrow, Jr., who, according to a release from the board, currently practices in Kirksville, Mo., entered into an agreement on Dec. 15, with the board that spells out the charges and disposition of the events leading to the investigation. Darrow was an orthopedic surgeon at Fort Madison Community Hospital for a time period that ended in 2016.

The release from the board on Dec. 20 said Darrow was charged with engaging in sexual misconduct when he engaged in a sexual relationship concurrent with, or immediately following, the physician-patient relationship in Fort Madison, Iowa, in 2014. Darrow and the patient have since married.

Under the terms of the agreement, Darrow was issued a citation and warning ordering him to pay a $5,000 civil penalty, complete neuropsychological testing under the direction of a board-approved neuropsychologist, complete a board-approved treatment program for professional boundaries, and establish a worksite monitor with the board.

Darrow is still licensed to practice in Iowa until April 1, 2019. The sexual misconduct falls under Iowa Code.
EILEEN MILDRED WIGGENJOST


Survivors include two daughters: Martha (Chuck) Kulow of Oakville, Iowa and Joann (David) Plyman of Rochelle, Illinois. Two sons: Jerry (Barbara) Wigenjost of Liberty, Missouri and Michael Wigenjost of West Point, Iowa. One brother-in-law Virgil Pedler, one sister-in-law Helen Delaney. Also surviving are eleven grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren, four great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Bert and her siblings: William, Marie, Frances, Edna, Paul, Loretta, Claude, Virgil, Maurice, Raymond, Martha and Marjorie.

Eileen was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point, the Altar and Rosary Society of the Church, West Point American Legion Auxiliary, West Point Garden Club and the West Point Senior Citizens. Following high school she attended the former Northeast Missouri State University where she received her teaching degree. She taught school for five years in Missouri prior to moving to Iowa where she worked for Sheaffer Pen Company. Eileen enjoyed playing cards, reading, gardening, tending to her flowers and being outdoors. Most of all she enjoyed her family especially her grandchildren.

Friends called on Wednesday at the Schmitz Funeral Home in West Point. There was a parish rosary recited and a Christian Wake Service. The Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 A.M. Thursday December 28, 2017 at St Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church in West Point with Fr. Dennis Hoffmann as Celebrant. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in West Point.

Memorials may be made to St. Mary’s Church or to the West Point Library. Schmitz Funeral Home of West Point is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.schmitzfuneralhomes.com.

WILLIAM MARVIN LANGREHR

William Marvin Langrehr, 53, of New London, Iowa died Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at his home. He was born May 4, 1964 in St. Paul, Minnesota, a son of Marvin Herman and Barbara Jean (Haas) Langrehr.

He was a veteran of the United States Army. He drove a fork truck for Formad Warehouse, Fort Madison for 20 years. He loved the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing.

He is survived by one son, Curtis (Amanda) Johnson of Fort Madison, Iowa; one sister, Julie (David) Glasgow of West Point, Iowa; four grandchildren: Reid, Makenzie, Presleigh, and Ainsley; one aunt, and one niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, and one nephew. His body has been cremated. His family will greet friends from 2:00 - 3:00 pm Sunday, January 7, 2018 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Online condolences to the Langrehr family may be made at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.
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Keven Riles, 55, of Keokuk, was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Darryl Lynn Jones, 30, of Fort Madison, was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

Rachel Buechel, 37, of Fort Madison, was released upon citation.

Jennifer Marie Buechel, 45, of Fort Madison, was taken to the Lee County Jail and released.

Matthew Warren Lopez, 21, of Fort Madison, was taken to the Lee County Jail and held.

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Washington Bloodhounds split triangular meet in Washington Thursday night downing Mid-Prairie 6-3-15 before falling to Washington 24-41.

Aaron and Harlan Steffensmeier and Sam Hayes both had two wins on the night to lead the Hounds. Ryan Steffensmeier actually went 2-1 in the meet winning by forfeit at 136 lbs against Washington and then pinning on the mat at 132 lbs and falling to Dillon Sanders by a 6-0 decision. Mason Schau also recorded two wins on the night with an 8-3 decision of Washington’s Brennan Murphy and scoring a pin over Ashton Bush of Mid-Prairie at 4:56 at 113 lbs.

Aaron Steffensmeier down Mid-Prairie’s David Murray by a pin at 2:51 and then scored a 10-6 decision over Washington’s David Hora at 145 lbs. Harlan Steffensmeier pinned Washington’s Dylan Farmer over Washington’s Dylan Farmer at 145 lbs. Harlan Steffensmeier and Hayes each recorded two pins on the night. Steffensmeier pinned Washington’s Dylan Farmer in just 26 seconds.

The complete results of the meet are below.

The Hounds travel to North Scott for the North Scott Duals on Saturday.

Washington 24-41

Fort Madison (FOMA) 63.00

Mid-Prairie (MIPR) 15.00

132: Nathan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over (MIPR) (For.) 138: Vennie Bowlin (MIPR) over Will Larson (FOMA) (Fall 3-10) 145: Aaron Steffensmeier (FOMA) over David Murray (MIPR) (Fall 2:51) 152: Harlan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Miles Burrows (MIPR) (For.) 160: Ben Meader (MIPR) over Keaton Pech (Dec 20-17) 170: Chance Hocker (MIPR) over Josh Warning (MIPR) (Dec 10-7) 182: Cory Allen (MIPR) over Lenon Barker (FOMA) (For.) 220: Sam Hayes (FOMA) over Colton Allen (MIPR) (Fall 0:40) 285: Daltin Malbiez (FOMA) over Michael Kelly (MIPR) (Fall 0:39) 106: Elon Krous (FOMA) over Nathan Qui- mby (MIPR) (Fall 0:55) 113: Mason Schau (FOMA) over Ashton Bush (MIPR) (Fall 4:36) 120: Dayne Cordray (FOMA) over (MIPR) (For.) 126: Ryan Steffensmeier (FOMA) over Dallas Miller (MIPR) (Fall 0:29)

FMCH welcomes first baby of the new year

FORT MADISON - Fort Madison Community Hospital’s Birthplace welcomed their first baby of 2018 at 2:46 a.m. on Monday, January 1st. Naomi Elizabeth Taylor, weighing in at 5 pounds 14.9 ounces, was born to Jesse and Thomas Taylor with the assistance of obstetrician Dr. Timothy Saddle to the FMCH Women’s Center. Naomi will join brother Thomas at home.

Pen City Current staff and advertisers congratulate the Taylor family on their beautiful new baby girl.
GRMC to start charging copays at ER

Patients without insurance will be asked to make a $400 down payment

BY PCC STAFF

WEST BURLINGTON - Patients will make copayments for Emergency Department treatment at Great River Medical Center beginning Thursday, Feb. 1. The practice has been standard at other hospitals throughout the U.S. for more than five years.

"We will not ask for payment information until patients are screened and receive stabilization treatment," said Michael McCoy, MD, chief medical officer, Great River Health Systems. "Patient care is our greatest concern." Collecting copayments in the Emergency Department will help ensure financial stability as Great River Health Systems faces reduced reimbursements for care and increasing costs.

A copayment is a fixed amount determined by insurance companies that patients pay for specific services. Some insurance plans don't require copayments.

After treatment, Patient Access staff will verify insurance information and request copayment, if applicable. Cash, check, debit and credit will be accepted. Patients who have insurance without copayment amounts will be asked to pay a $200 down payment. Patients without insurance coverage will be asked to pay a $400 down payment. All patients will receive bills for the remaining cost of their care that is not covered by insurance.

If the Emergency Department visit leads to a hospital admission, copayments will not be collected at that time.

Choosing the right kind of medical care in the right place is important to reducing health care costs. Emergency Department treatment is for serious illnesses and injuries such as heart attack and stroke symptoms, severe breathing problems and deep cuts. It is the most expensive level of care.

Basic primary- and walk-in clinic care at Great River Health Systems clinics costs about $150, without tests.

Primary-care clinics should be the first step for medical care and advice. They provide treatments for illnesses like severe colds and flu, earaches and sore throats, and chronic conditions like arthritis, diabetes, COPD and heart disease.

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Surgeon left for Missouri after stint at FMCH

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Darrow worked at FMCH for several years before leaving Fort Madison for Kirksville where he worked at the Northeast Regional Medical Center's Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Clinic until August of 2017.

Spokespersons at the Missouri hospital and FMCH wouldn't comment on the reasons for Darrow's separation, or time of employment at each facility.
The Mayor opened the public hearing at 5:35 P.M. There being no oral or written comments, on motion, Council closed the public hearing. Closing enacted provision No. 2017-71, adopting plan specifications and form of contract for the project. On motion, Council adopted Resolution No. 2017-72, awarding construction contract for the project to K & A Excavating, L.L.C. of Wever, Iowa, in the amount of $207,930.50, and approving contract and bonds of K & A Excavating, L.L.C. receiving receipt of the documents.

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At 6:05 P.M. on motion, Council adjourned until January 2, 2018 at 5:30 P.M.

In accordance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, the City Council meeting for Tuesday, December 19, 2017, at City Hall, 811 Avenue E. Mayor Randolph presided with Council Members Greenwald, Wright, Rink, Andrews, Lair and Cangas present. Council approved the Mayor’s signature on Supplemental Agreement No. 5 with Stanley Consultants, Inc. for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Renovation.

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The Fort Madison Chamber Ambassador Club made a stop at Avenue G Productions before the holidays. The new video production service business opened in Fort Madison with a mission of helping local businesses, organizations, and groups with video branding and marketing. Geoff Shields right center with plaque, and his wife Lisa, opened the business in November at 613 Avenue G. Shields can be reached at (319)246.5828 or by email at AveGProductions@gmail.com. The company’s website is www.shieldsmediaservices.com.

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