



**STATE OF FLORIDA**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**INVESTIGATIVE REPORT**

Office: West Palm Beach		Complaint Date: 4/23/04		Complaint Number: ME 2004-19125	
Subject: <b>MAXIMO HANDEL, M.D.</b> 1 John Anderson Drive, #710 * Ormond Beach, FL 32176 (w) 904) 672-32176			Source: <b>SGT. GARY NOEL</b> West Palm Beach Police Department 500 Banyan Blvd. West Palm Beach, FL 33401 2004 (561) 653-3609		
Prefix: ME	License #: 22774	Profession: Physician	Board: DOH - MQA - Medicine	Investigative Division: Report Date: 6/3/04	
Period of Investigation: 4/27/04 to 6/3/04			Type of Report: FINAL		
Alleged Violation: § 458.331 (1)(j) Influencing patient for sexual favors...					
<p>Synopsis: This investigation is predicated upon receipt of a UCF and Police Report (Ex1) submitted by Sgt. NOEL, West Palm Beach Police Department (WPBPD), reporting that Dr. HANDEL, a psychiatrist, was arrested for solicitation for prostitution on 4/22/04, at a mental health center. It is also alleged the "victim" was a patient who had sought treatment from Dr. HANDEL at the mental health center on 4/22/04.</p> <p>Dr. HANDEL was notified of this investigation by mail (Ex2) on 4/27/04 and was provided with a copy of the UCF and police report.</p> <p>A check of DOH computer licensure records reveals Dr. HANDEL is a licensed physician. (Ex3) Dr. HANDEL specializes in psychiatry.</p> <p>Dr. HANDEL is represented by Attorney Rosemary COONEY, 1545 Centrepark Drive North, West Palm Beach, FL 33401 (561) 684-2000.</p> <p>Attorney COONEY has not filed a response statement for Dr. HANDEL.</p> <p>* Dr. HANDEL's latest address, as per US Postal Service:  24 Crooked Tree Trail  Ormond Beach, FL 32174-4338</p>					
Related Case: None					
Investigator/Date: Philip Heveran, WI-34 6/3/04			Approved By/Date: Bonnie Schaffrick, Manager 6/3/04		
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