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## APPENDIX D

### GENERAL SUMMARY

submitted a complaint to the Department of Health concerning possible unlicensed practice by individuals in Colville, WA. The individuals are JOYCE TASKER and RICHARD McMILLAN. did not identify who reported the possible unlicensed practice. downloaded some information from the Internet concerning THE DOG PATCH and the Orion System, (pp. 1-18), where the alleged unlicensed practice originates. The website information indicates that someone contacting the Dog Patch shelter can send in a blood or saliva sample for testing or they can personally be tested. The person, or animal, is tested for it's meridian energy flow. A Computerized Electrodermal Screening (CEDS) can be done for a fee of \$150 for humans and \$115 for animals. Pictures within the website reflect a human and a dog being test, (p. 9). The website states that CEDS "works by measuring electrical resistance and polarization at acupuncture points and meridians. Through these safe, skin-level measurements, it is possible to analyze the bio-energy and bio-information produced by internal organs and systems."

The website refers to the address 2279 Marble Valley Rd as the office and the location to send your blood or saliva sample. Urine is not mentioned for testing.

After the person or animal is analyzed, they are given an "infusion" and a print out of all the homeopathic energies and dilutions, (p. 15).

A check with JIS-Link in Stevens County indicated Joyce Tasker lives at 2287 Marble Valley-Basin Rd in Colville, WA. Her DOB is 2-2-41, (pp. 19-20).

A check with the Stevens County Sheriff's Department revealed there are no complaints lodged against Joyce Tasker or the Dog Patch in regards to any unlicensed practice of medicine or veterinary care. Tasker is known in the community as taking in stray animals and trying to establish a humane office in the county.

On 11-13-03, Joyce Tasker was contacted at her residence at 2279 Marble Valley Basin Road in Stevens County. Joyce also uses the name Joyce Johnston. Tasker resides at this location and has a dog and cat refuge she named Dog Patch and/or Dog Patch Humane. She also conducts Electrodermal testing and has a web site [www.dogpat.org](http://www.dogpat.org). The web site has been changed since the original complaint had been made.

Tasker was advised that a complaint had been made that she may be practicing without a license. She was informed her web site had been accessed and it referred to her promoting Computerized Electrodermal Screening (CEDS) and her business was accepting blood and saliva samples for analysis. Tasker was informed her web site had a picture of an Electrodermal Testing machine being used on a human and a dog.

Tasker replied that she does perform CEDS and sometimes uses the electrodermal testing machine. She said people send a sample of their blood or saliva and she tests them at her home. She said she has a computer program installed in her home computer that tests the "frequencies" of the blood or saliva. Tasker said she does not take the blood from the person or the dog. She has a doctor or veterinarian take the blood sample. The sample is tested and the

computer determines if there is a "frequency problem." Tasker said the universe is made up of energy and frequencies. The Orion system is based on physics and not chemistry. If a frequency is not correct it can lead to problems. She said, as an example, if a blood sample was tested and it revealed a problem with a frequency for vitamin A, the computer would produce a frequency that would assist or substitute the vitamin A frequency. Tasker related this frequency is stored in a dropper bottle containing spring water and a little potato vodka, (alcohole). Tasker said she makes the potato vodka and provides the spring water. This bottle is mailed, or given, to the client who consumes it orally.

Tasker was asked if she is licensed as any type of health care provider and she said she was not. She said she is "certified" as an Orion associate. She was asked if she had any certification papers from Orion and she said she did not but could get one from the company.

Tasker was informed that the unlicensed practice of any health care field is a gross misdemeanor or a Class C felony, RCW 18.130.190. She was informed that if she attempts, or advertises, that she can diagnose a disease or ailment, or can produce a remedy that could cure a disease or ailment, she might be practicing without a license. Tasker said she had knowledge that California recently passed a law that gave individuals more access to homeopathic medicine. She said in regards to that law, she tried to apply the same guidelines in this state and she composed a Release Form. She states the form provided refers to an animal but she also has one for humans. A copy was obtained for this report, (p. 49).

Tasker was asked to provide a statement as to what training she has received and what services she provides. She was given a business card and asked to call if she had any questions. Tasker called the ISU office the next day and said she was not going to submit a statement but would submit a copy of her Certificate.

Tasker was advised that diagnosing a disease or treating a disease on an animal could constitute the unlicensed practice of veterinary medicine. She replied she does not treat animals at Dog Patch nor does she board animals. She will take selective animals, mainly dogs, that have been abused or abandoned and will assist the animal in their mental and physical recovery and then try and have them adopted. She said she currently has 38 dogs.

Tasker referred to a website for Orion: [www.startechhealth.com](http://www.startechhealth.com). This web site was accessed and it is a site for Star Tech Health Services. A portion of this web site was downloaded and included in this report, (pp. 40-44).

On 11-18-03, Joyce Tasker was contacted by phone. She had submitted a letter the day prior stating her "Certification" would be forthcoming. Tasker was asked if she performed the Electrodermal testing and she replied that she did. She was asked if she had any training in that field and she said she did. She became vague in her answers but stated a Debbie Daun, aka Debbie Tuglia, had trained her. Tasker was asked what type of training and how long was it. She related it was "about two weeks" and she did some "hands on" and observations of the electrodermal testing. She stated the testing is for the frequency of a given vitamin, mineral, element, etc. Tasker was informed that Electrodermal refers to an electrical circuit and hence it's name. She said "she was not up on all the science" but Electrodermal testing serves the same purpose as analyzing the blood and saliva via her computer program.

Tasker was asked if she had received the "certificate" for the Electrodermal testing and she said the certificate she is in the process of getting serves both the frequency testing and Electrodermal testing. She is getting the certificate from Jim Clark, who owns Star Tech and they are located in Utah. Tasker said if this Investigator wanted to ask questions about the science behind the Electrodermal testing, Jim Clark would be the man to ask as he is the one who had the Electrodermal machine approved by the FDA. Jim Clark's phone is (801) 229-2500.

Tasker submitted a letter thanking this Investigator for waiting for her to acquire a copy of her Certificate. She also wanted to be sure the report included that she does not draw blood from any animal. She asks that a Veterinarians take a blood sample, (p. 50).

Tasker submitted a copy of a certificate dated 9-25-01 from THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ENERGY MEDICINE. This certificate acknowledges that Tasker has the skills required and is hereby awarded the lawful Professional Title of *Technician of BioEnergetic Medicine and Computerized Electro Dermal Screening*, (p. 51). Tasker stated the certificate is "very pretty" and she wanted to keep the original and asked that a copy be allowed.

The Dog Patch Humane website was contacted after the date the complainant downloaded the information. The website has changed and new website focuses more on animals. Animal testing is now \$150 and it is the same fee for humans. Testimonials on the care of animals are contained within the website, (pp. 21-39).

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## MEMO TO FILE

November 13, 2003

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FROM: Nick Lorentz  
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