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Doctor arrested in Brown Co. has medical license suspended

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GEORGETOWN, Ohio — The State Medical Board of Ohio has suspended the medical license of Dr. Ali Ghasemzadeh, a cardiologist in Georgetown, Ohio, who was arrested last week for allegations of rape, sexual battery and gross sexual imposition.

On Monday, July 27, Ghasemzadeh was arrested and lodged at the Brown County Adult Detention Center without bond.

Two adult female patients made complaints to the Brown County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) concerning alleged sexual assault incidents that allegedly occurred on July 14, 2025, and in June 2025.

Ghasemzadeh was charged last week with rape, sexual battery and gross sexual imposition. He made an initial court

appearance on Wednesday, July 29, where he was given a total bond amount of \$700,000.

His bond conditions, according to a court document, included having no contact with the alleged victims, being precluded from leaving the state of Ohio "until further order of the court," and that he must surrender his passport.

On Wednesday, July 29, the State Medical Board of Ohio released a formal action report where Ghasemzadeh was listed under pre-hearing suspensions.

"Pursuant to Section 4731.22(G), license to practice medicine and surgery is summarily suspended based on Board's determination that there is clear and convincing evidence that massage therapist is in violation of Sections 4731.22(B)(6), and 4731.22(B)

(20), Ohio Revised Code, and that his continued practice presents a danger of immediate and serious harm to the public. Order effective 7/31/26," the report stated.

Further into the report, the board explained that the suspension was based on the two allegations made to the BCSO.

"Based on allegations when the doctor engaged in sexual misconduct with two identified patients, those acts and/or omissions, individually and/or collectively constitute: violating or attempting to violate, directly or indirectly, or assisting in or abetting the violation of, or conspiring to violate, any statute or any rule promulgated by the Board, to wit: Prohibitions regarding sexual misconduct; which also constitute a departure from, or the failure to conform to,

minimal standards of care of similar practitioners under the same or similar circumstances, whether or not actual injury to a patient is established. Notice of Summary Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing effective 7/31/26," the report said.

Brown County Sheriff Christopher Hodges has asked that anyone who may have information relevant to the investigation, or who believes "they may have been subjected to inappropriate conduct by Dr. Ghasemzadeh," contact the BCSO. Detective Jeff Wolf may be contacted at the BCSO at 937-378-4435, extension 114.

"The Brown County Sheriff's Office recognizes that reporting an incident of this nature can be difficult. Anyone who contacts investigators will be treated with dignity, respect, and sensitivity," Hodges stated.



Ghasemzadeh

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A bumblebee flies onto a flower on a sunny day.

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Traffic impacts upcoming in Adams and Brown counties



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The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has released an updated list of road work projects that are currently either in effect or upcoming in Adams and Brown counties.

A culvert replacement project is planned to begin on Tuesday, Aug. 4 on SR 781. The road will be closed between Jacksonville Road

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Lewis County Schools reviewing bids for Garrison Elementary concrete project

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GARRISON, Ky. — Garrison Elementary School is reviewing bids for a concrete project.

The Lewis County Board of Education (LCBOE) noted that bids will be awarded or rejected at its next meeting, which will take place on Monday, Aug. 10.

The LCBOE indicated that the bid includes two concrete projects.

The first project, a sidewalk expansion, will add 6 feet by approximately 120 feet, and four inches thick. This portion of the concrete will join another sidewalk.

The LCBOE noted that the concrete should join the other sidewalk "with transition in corner 20 feet to then tie back in to sidewalk."

The LCBOE has planned for the second concrete project to include a play surface and ball court. This space will be 40 feet by 60 feet, and four inches thick.

Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department to host Touch-A-Truck Day event

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ORANGEBURG — On Saturday, Aug. 15, the Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department (VFD) will host Touch a Truck Day, a free community event for the whole family.

"This free community event is a great opportunity for children and adults alike to explore emergency vehicles, meet the firefighters who serve our community, and enjoy an afternoon of family-friendly fun," the VFD stated via social media.

It further stated that attendees will have the opportunity to climb inside real fire trucks, meet local volunteer firefighters, take photos with the trucks and learn about fire safety. There will also be games and activities available for the whole family.

"We look forward to seeing everyone on Aug. 15th for an unforgettable day at the Orangeburg Volunteer Fire Department!" the VFD concluded.

The event will be held at the Orangeburg VFD at 8002 Day Pike, Maysville, KY 41056, from noon to 4 p.m.



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Time wastes our bodies and our wits, but we waste time, so we are quits.

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