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Press Release

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## **Judge Issues Preliminary Injunction for Unlicensed Practice of Chiropractic**

Klamath Falls resident Christopher McCutcheon has been told to stop practicing chiropractic health care by Circuit Court Judge Robert F. Nichols. His September 25<sup>th</sup> order follows appearances on August 16<sup>th</sup> before the Judge by Mr. McCutcheon, the Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (OBCE) legal counsel and OBCE board member Dr. Christine Robinson, a Medford chiropractic physician.

The judge's order also tells McCutcheon the prohibition is not limited to his "Neurological Balance Technique" (NBT) and shoulder techniques. He further said, (McCutcheon's) private membership association "...does not exempt defendant from the regulations of licensing as a chiropractor."

Dr. Robinson was in court during Mr. McCutcheon's testimony when he described his NBT and shoulder techniques and identified those as common chiropractic techniques. Dr. Robinson testified that Oregon chiropractic licensing requirement exists to ensure adequate training for the protection of the public and that improper chiropractic techniques can put a patient at risk of injury.

McCutcheon has been openly advertising his "Balanced Heath Wellness Center" in Klamath Falls since it's Grand Opening on January 14<sup>th</sup>. He has claimed, "Chris has helped members from everything from: back, neck and shoulder pain to more complex issues like migraines, ADD/ADHD, Fibromyalgia, MS and Parkinson's disease." McCutcheon has no license to practice chiropractic or any other health care profession. The extent of his known training is a 100 hour course in "Alphabiotics."

In June 2010, the OBCE issued a \$10,000 civil penalty against Mr. McCutcheon for the unlicensed practice of chiropractic which featured his "Alphabiotics" technique that utilized an aggressive cervical adjustment called the Chrane Condoyle Lift. The OBCE's investigation at that time found he had little knowledge or training and had caused patient harm as a result.

The OBCE is requesting the Preliminary Injunction be made permanent. Further appearances before Klamath Circuit Court are expected in the coming months.



Anyone with additional information may contact Thomas Rozinski, the OBCE's investigator at 503 373-1615.

The OBCE is the State of Oregon agency responsible for licensing and regulation of the chiropractic profession with a primary mission of public protection. Decisions are made by a seven-member board consisting of five chiropractic physicians and two public members.

Link to 2010 Order: [http://obce.alcsoftware.com/files/mccutcheon\\_99\\_09\\_3017.pdf](http://obce.alcsoftware.com/files/mccutcheon_99_09_3017.pdf)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON  
FOR THE COUNTY OF KLAMATH

STATE OF OREGON, Acting by and through  
the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTOPHOR MCCUTCHEON,

Defendant.

Case No. 1302016CV

LIMITED JUDGMENT FOR PRELIMINARY  
INJUNCTION

THIS MATTER came before the Court on the State of Oregon's Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. Having considered the evidence and the arguments by counsel and being otherwise fully apprised, the Court finds that a preliminary injunctive order is necessary and that a preliminary injunction should issue.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the State of Oregon's Motion for Preliminary Injunction is hereby granted on the following terms:

1. Defendant is enjoined from practicing chiropractic medicine in the state of Oregon without a license during the pendency of these proceedings. Such practice includes but is not limited to defendant's NBT and shoulder techniques.
2. Defendant's private membership association does not exempt defendant from the regulations of licensing as a chiropractor.

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1 3. Any failure to comply with the terms of this limited judgment may result in a  
2 contempt action.

3 DATED this 25<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

4 Original Signatures are available in OBCE Admin Office

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6 Robert F. Nichols, Jr.  
Circuit Court Judge

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