

### **KC Doctor Surrenders Medical License; Sexual Improprieties Suspected** **News**

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Kansas City-(AP) A Blue Springs physician who was accused of sexual improprieties with three teenage Boy Scouts surrendered his Missouri medical license Monday rather than face further discipline by state regulators.



Joseph T. Mackey had been scheduled for a hearing Tuesday in Jefferson City on whether he used his influence as a physician to engage his young patients in sexual activity. A ruling against him would have allowed the Missouri Board of Registration for the Healing Arts to take disciplinary actions ranging from a reprimand to revocation of his license. The board had suspended Mackey's license in July pending the outcome of the hearing.

Mackey could not be reached for comment Monday evening. However, in an affidavit filed with the state, he strongly denied the allegations.

For well over a decade, Mackey, 41, volunteered with the Kansas City area's Heart of America Council of Boy Scouts, serving as a leader of Troop 42 in Jackson County, as the council's medical director and ultimately as a member of the council's executive board.

Mackey also volunteered as team doctor for Blue Springs High School and Blue Springs South High School.

According to Mackey's affidavit, in each year of the past decade, he and his medical partners performed physical exams on hundreds of Scouts and athletes.

Officials of the Heart of America Council said they severed ties with Mackey in mid-2011 after receiving a report of alleged misconduct. The information was turned over to law enforcement authorities, Scouting officials said. A Blue Springs School District spokeswoman said Mackey quit his high school volunteer jobs, also in 2011.

The allegations against Mackey were made by three men, all in their 20s, who claimed they came to know and trust Mackey through Scouting. Mackey also was their family doctor.

One of the men said in an affidavit that when he was about 14, Mackey began performing regular examinations of his genitals. The man also said Mackey supplied him with alcohol and pornography and initiated sexual activity. He said the alleged sexual relationship continued through his high school and college years.

The two other men said in their affidavits that when they were involved in high school sports, they had asked Mackey about creatine, a nutritional supplement used by athletes to increase their strength and muscle mass.

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In their affidavits, the men described similar alleged experiences: that Mackey agreed to provide them with creatine pills under his supervision, and that they made visits to his office for exams that included penis measurements and the collection of semen samples. Both men said that after several exams, they stopped cooperating with Mackey.