



CDSBC conducts search and seizure of two suspected illegal practices in Vancouver

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Today investigators from the College of Dental Surgeons of BC (CDSBC) executed search-and-seizure orders at two suspected illegal dental practices in East Vancouver.

CDSBC learned about the suspected illegal practices from tips provided by members of the public. The College conducted surveillance on the residences, and gathered enough evidence to obtain the court's permission to conduct the orders under the *Health Professions Act*.

CDSBC is under direction to report back to the court with the results of the search-and-seizure orders. We are reviewing the situation to determine whether additional steps need to be taken to protect the public. We have permission to share information with the relevant health authority if necessary before the court files are unsealed.

The next step is for CDSBC to go back to BC Supreme Court for further direction. We anticipate the files will be unsealed at that time and the evidence made public. Until then, we cannot release additional information.

Anyone who has seen an illegal dentist should see a doctor and ask to be tested for infectious disease, and should see a licensed/registered dentist to obtain appropriate and safe care.

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