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## Texas Board of Respiratory Care suspends Lubbock RCP

On December 16, 2021, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Board of Respiratory Care temporarily suspended, without notice, the Texas respiratory care practitioner permit of Robert Lee Lopez, Jr., RCP (Permit No. RCP00077859), after determining his continuation in the practice of respiratory care poses a continuing threat to public welfare. The suspension was effective immediately.

The Board panel found that Mr. Lopez was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Lubbock County Jail following an incident involving the theft of fentanyl.

A temporary suspension hearing with notice will be held as soon as practicable with 10 days' notice to Mr. Lopez, unless the hearing is specifically waived by Mr. Lopez.

The temporary suspension remains in place until the Board takes further action.

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