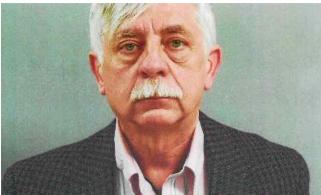
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Ex-doctor accused by two more women of trading drugs for sex



John Verbovsky

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Two more women have made allegations against a former physician who practiced in Sterling Heights and is serving prison time for trading drugs for sex.

John Verbovsky and Residential Home Care Inc. of Macomb and Wayne counties were sued twice in the past two months by two Wayne County women whose names are being withheld by The Macomb Daily because they are potential sex-crime victims. It comes after a Macomb County women sued him earlier this year.

Attorney Brian McKeen, whose firm represents all three plaintiffs, said the allegations show similar alleged behavior by Verbovsky -- that he traded drugs for sex.

"There's a common theme running through all of these," McKeen said.

Verbovsky, 68, of Southfield, is already serving five to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty in Ingham County Circuit Court in Lansing to one count of running a criminal enterprise, two counts of medical fraud and two counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct for providing drugs in exchange for sex with at least two women.

One of the new plaintiffs says Verbovsky was treating her for multiple conditions in her home and engaged in inappropriate sexual behavior with her and used his accessibility to prescription drugs to extort sexual favors, McKeen said. A second woman made similar accusations.

A St. Clair Shores woman last June accused Verbovsky of coercing her into engaging in sexual acts with painkillers, in a Wayne Circuit Court lawsuit. She says Verbovsky facilitated, encouraged and enabled a drug addiction that preceded the exchanges.

Verbovsky, who was an osteopath, had his medical license revoked.