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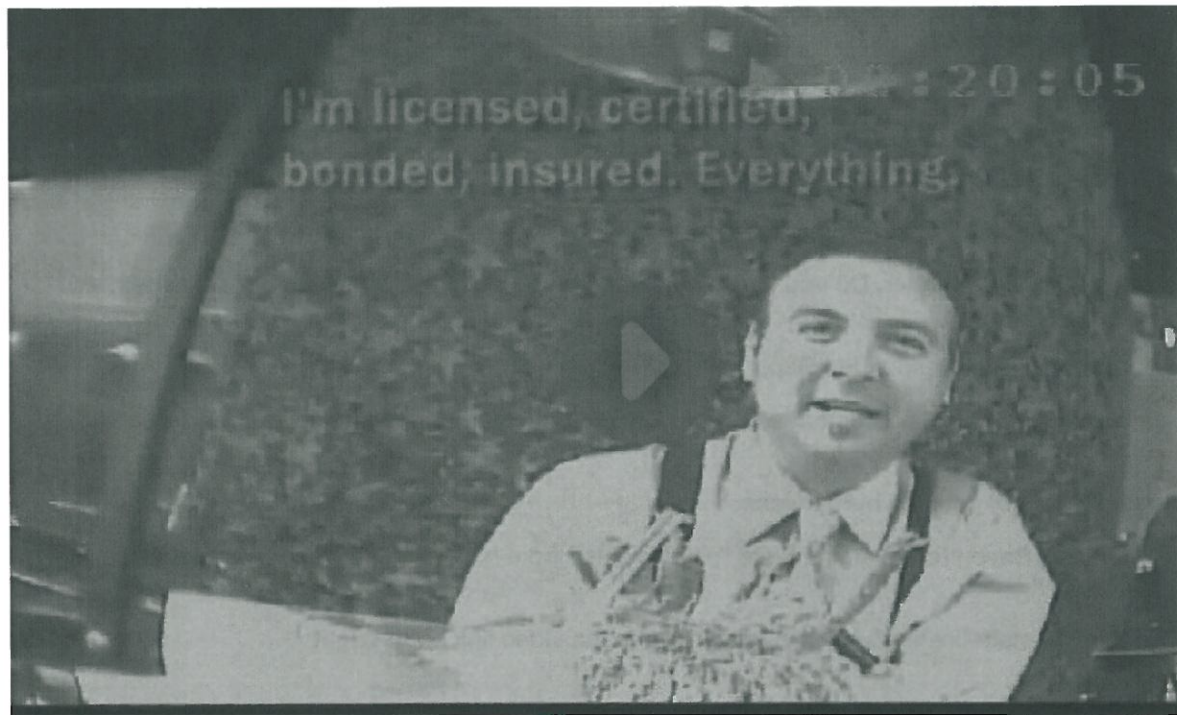
## Hidden cameras catch sex offender posing as doctor

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ATLANTA (CBS ATLANTA) - A CBS Atlanta hidden camera investigation exposed a registered sex offender posing as a psychologist. It is the second time CBS Atlanta found John Bacon, 41, of DeKalb County working without a required professional license.

"I've practiced every form of psychology there is," claimed Bacon to an undercover CBS Atlanta producer posing as a patient.

Bacon and the producer met at a restaurant.

Bacon told the producer that he has been practicing psychology for twenty years and made his first million when he was 21 years old.

Bacon's outlandish claims continued. "I am licensed, certified, bonded, insured," said Bacon.

In an online profile, Bacon is listed as "Dr. J. Olis Bacon." The word "Psychologist" appears under his name.

"I do psychology because I like to help people," said Bacon to the producer.

"I've got this gift. After five minutes of talking to you, I can pretty much tell what kind of person you are."



Bacon is listed on the Georgia Bureau of Investigation website as a registered sex offender. He was pleaded guilty in 1994 to charges of child molestation and aggravated sodomy. He was also convicted of sex crimes against a child while in the Navy in 1990.

In November, CBS Atlanta found Bacon working as an unlicensed plumber after the state professional licensing board had ordered him to stop.

Bacon is not allowed to work as a psychologist because he does not have a state-issued license.

Dr. Kip Matthews, a licensed psychologist and educator with the Georgia Psychological Association, said he is disturbed by the undercover video we showed him. He said it appeared Bacon committed numerous ethical violations. He said he is concerned for Bacon's patients. "Unfortunately, individuals who prey on potential victims do have good social skills. They come across in a very engaging, personal way that pulls you in," said Matthews.

Matthews said he was particularly concerned with Bacon's supposed assessment of the patient's risk of suicide.

"It is just clinically inappropriate," said Matthews.

Investigative reporter Jeff Chirico interrupted the meeting to ask Bacon the Tough Questions.

"You're a registered sex offender. Do you think you should be operating as a psychologist?" asked Chirico.

"I have no problem with it," responded Bacon.

Bacon claimed to have an online doctorate degree. CBS Atlanta learned that school is considered by some to be a diploma mill.

Bacon insisted he is not going to hurt anyone.

Since the interview, Bacon removed the word "psychologist" from his online profiles and replaced it with "hypnotherapist"

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