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PRESS RELEASE

December 9, 2013: On December 5, 2013, an adult female came forward with an allegation of sexual assault by a previous UBMC employee occurring during April 2013. It is alleged that this incident occurred at the Uintah Basin Medical Center in Roosevelt, Utah.

The suspect is a former male employee of the Uintah Basin Medical Center serving from June 4, 2012 to October 5, 2013. When the suspect was hired, the suspect passed a background check and had a valid nursing license. The suspect no longer lives in the area.

When UBMC was notified of the alleged abuse, policies and procedures were followed and the incident was immediately reported to authorities. Authorities investigated the alleged incident and made an arrest; the suspect remains in custody. The Utah Department of Professional Licensing has been notified of the case.

In order to be licensed as a registered nurse (RN) in the State of Utah, applicants must be in conformity with the Utah Nurse Practice Act. The practice of nursing is a right granted by the state to protect those who need nursing care. The guidelines of the NPA and its rules provide safe parameters within which to work, as well as protect patients from unprofessional and unsafe nursing practice.

At Uintah Basin Medical Center, patient safety is our number one priority. It is very unsettling to learn of this situation. We will continue to work with authorities and to do everything we can to ensure patient safety.

If you or loved ones have been a victim of sexual assault, domestic violence, abuse or other violent crimes, please contact the Roosevelt Police Department at 435-722-2330, or contact your local police department.

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