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## **Golden Valley Health Centers working with Merced police after hidden camera discovered in clinic restroom**

[Golden Valley Health Centers](http://www.gvhc.org) continues to cooperate with the Merced Police Department in its investigation into a remote camera discovered recently in a restroom at one of the organization's medical suites in Merced.

At about 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 30, a member of the public noticed a camera hidden in a patient restroom at the pediatric clinic at 847 W. Childs Ave. The woman immediately notified the administrative office and the police were called.

An officer promptly responded and collected the camera and other evidence, including statements from the person who found the camera and staff members. On Tuesday morning, police took Dr. Carlos Teran Miranda into custody in connection with the incident. GVHC has placed Dr. Teran Miranda on administrative leave pending the outcome of the investigation.

After the hidden camera was discovered, Golden Valley inspected all of the restrooms and patient areas at each of its centers for other photographic devices before patients were seen Monday morning to ensure that privacy and patient care were not compromised. Nothing else was found.

"Golden Valley appreciates the hard work of police investigators to identify and arrest a suspect. We will continue to fully cooperate with authorities in any way possible," said Tony Weber, the health organization's CEO. "We are saddened that the integrity of our hard-working staff has been called into question based on the alleged acts of one individual. We are committed to providing a safe and respectful environment for our patients, employees and the public as we carry out our mission of delivering quality health care."

Dr. Teran Miranda has worked at Golden Valley since 2013 as a pediatrician.

GVHC runs thorough background checks on all new employees. Providers' backgrounds and credentials are checked even more rigorously through the National Practitioner Data Bank and the Office of the Inspector General to make sure they have not been involved in any fraudulent activity and no lawsuits have been filed against them. Their medical licenses, residency requirements, and medical school degrees are all verified as well.

Golden Valley Health Centers is a network of 26 health centers and eight dental sites. Its 800 employees provide comprehensive primary care to more than 103,000 patients in Stanislaus and Merced counties. Its mission since 1972 has been to serve the most economically vulnerable population in the region. GVHC is a not-for-profit organization. No patient ever is turned away for inability to pay.

Additional questions or information about the investigation should be directed to the Merced Police Department at (209) 385-8836.

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