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**UNLICENSED ACUPUNCTURIST CHARGED**  
**WITH CAUSING PATIENT'S LUNGS TO COLLAPSE**  
*District Attorney Urges Other Patients to Come Forward*

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz announced that Yong De Lin was arraigned today, accused of administering acupuncture treatments he was not licensed to perform that caused a woman's lungs to collapse.

District Attorney Katz urges anyone who has received acupuncture treatments from Lin, who worked from a medical office in Flushing, to contact her office's Elder Fraud unit at 718-286-6578.

District Attorney Katz said: "The difference between receiving health care from a competent, licensed professional or someone who is unlicensed can mean the difference between life and death. As alleged, the defendant was not licensed, nor had even bothered to apply for licensure, and he very nearly killed his patient. We urge any other victims to come forward."

Yong De Lin, 66, of Flushing, was arraigned on a four-count indictment charging him with assault in the first and second degrees, reckless endangerment in the first degree and unauthorized practice of a profession. Supreme Court Justice Toni Cimino ordered Lin to return to court on September 20. If convicted, he faces up to 25 years in prison.

According to the charges:

- On May 10, 2022, Shujuan Jiang, 63, visited C&W Medical at 3808 Union Street in Flushing for relief of stomach and back pain and was introduced to Lin.
- On May 16, 2022, Jiang returned and Lin administered acupuncture treatments to her stomach and back. Jiang returned for 16 additional treatments between May 18 and October 28.
- During the last session, Jiang began to feel unwell after receiving treatment and laid down. After performing additional acupuncture and a cupping treatment, Lin sent Jiang home.
- Jiang experienced shortness of breath on her way home and collapsed on the sidewalk. A bystander called 911 and Jiang was taken to a hospital where it was determined that both of her lungs had collapsed because of the acupuncture treatments. Immediate surgery was required to save her life. Jiang remained hospitalized for six days.
- Lin is not a licensed acupuncturist, nor has he ever applied for the required state licensure.

Assistant District Attorney Anna Diao, Section Chief of the District Attorney's Elder Fraud Unit, is prosecuting the case under the supervision of Assistant District Attorney Joseph T. Conley III, Chief of the Frauds Bureau, Hana Kim, Deputy Chief, and under the overall supervision of Executive Assistant District Attorney of Investigations Gerard Brave.

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