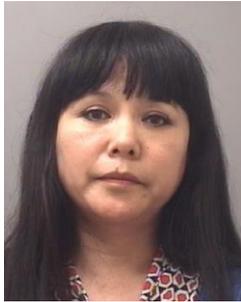


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La Porte police crack down on massage parlor violations



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The La Porte Police Department appears to be cracking down on code violations at area massage parlors, according to a statement on Thursday.

Detectives with that agency's Street Crimes Unit plus members of Baytown's vice unit conducted undercover operations at three La Porte-area massage parlors on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

The officials were conducting these operations to look for violations of occupational codes regarding massage therapy houses.

An arrest was made at each of the three locations for a code violation, including Yu's Massage, Lea Spa, and Plant Spa. All of those arrested were female.

Ming Yu Silverthorne, 46, at Yu's Massage is facing a charge of having an unlicensed massage therapist on duty. Xiuqin Li, 51, at Plant Spa is facing a violations charge for performing massages without a license, and Liuhua Huang, 45, has been charged with requesting nudity at a sexually-oriented business at Lea Spa, which is a Harris County code violation.

According to court records, Huang was previously charged last year with employing an unlicensed therapist but that charge was dismissed.

Formal charges for all three have been filed with the Harris County District Attorney's Office.