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| TITLE: FDA AND POLICE ARREST CEO OF AMPONSAH HERBAL CLINIC | | | |

The Food and Drugs Authority (FDA), with the assistance of the Nima Police has effected the arrest of Mr. Alex Kwadwo Amponsah, the Chief Executive Officer of Amponsah Herbal Clinic and “*Wo How Ne Sen*” Company Limited. Mr. Amponsah’s arrest follows a video which is being circulated on social media where he is seen making false and misleading claims on diseases such as candidiasis, gonorrhoea, syphilis and HIV/AIDS which contravenes some sections of the FDA’s regulations, Public Health Act, 2012, Act 851.

The fifth schedule of Act 851, the Public Health Act, 2012, clearly indicates diseases for which advertisements for treatment, prevention or cure are prohibited.

These include “Sexually transmitted diseases, other forms of genito-urinary diseases, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or diseases connected with the human reproductive functions” and some other diseases such as: Alcoholism, Appendicitis, Asthma, Blindness, Cancer, Deafness, Diabetes and Fibroid. The rest are; Goitre, Heart disease, Hernia or rapture, Hypertension, Infertility, Prostrate diseases, Sexual impotence and Tuberculosis.

It therefore becomes a criminal act to advertise the treatment, prevention or cure for these diseases.

Additionally, it should be noted that all advertisements with respect to the FDA’s regulated products (food, allopathic medicines, herbal medicinal products, cosmetics, medical devices and household chemicals substances) should be approved by the FDA before airing or publishing (*Sections 100(2) and 114 (1) of the Public Health Act, 2012, Act 851*).

The police, in the meantime, is taking the necessary actions and investigations for the prosecution of the suspect.



Mr. Alex Kwadwo Amponsah, CEO, Amponsah Herbal Clinic and “Wo How Ne Sen”