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## Santa Rosa Physical Therapist Ordered to Immediately Cease Practice

OAKLAND – A Santa Rosa Physical Therapist has had her license suspended as a result of criminal DUI convictions, and mental and physical impairments.

Following the recommendation of an Administrative Law Judge in Oakland, the Physical Therapy Board of California suspended the license of Leeanne Tyler, PT.

In January 2011, Tyler suffered a fall while under the influence of alcohol resulting in a brain injury. Her blood alcohol content (BAC) measured 0.26% at the time of the incident. In February 2012, Tyler was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol with a BAC of .08% or greater and later pleaded no contest. Her BAC was 0.31% at the time of her arrest. She was sentenced to serve five days in jail, placed on three years criminal probation, ordered to supervised electric confinement and complete a nine months first offender drinking driver program.

In April 2012, Tyler entered hospice care because of end stage liver disease. The Board determined that Tyler was unable to function safely as a physical therapist, and that allowing her to do so would present an imminent threat to public safety.

Tyler's license suspension became effective March 28, 2013. Her license will now remain suspended until the Physical Therapy Board imposes administrative discipline against her license.

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*The Physical Therapy Board regulates over 27,000 licensees who practice physical therapy in California. The license status of physical therapists and physical therapist assistants can be verified by visiting the Board's website at [www.ptbc.ca.gov](http://www.ptbc.ca.gov). Information about filing complaints against the Board's licenses is also available on the Board's website.*