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TWO CONVICTED OF PRACTICING VETERINARY MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE

SACRAMENTO – A Sacramento County man and Butte County woman have been convicted of practicing veterinary medicine without a license following an investigation by the Veterinary Medical Board.

Max Guadiana and Amanda Williams both pleaded guilty to false advertising and practicing veterinary medicine without a valid license. Guadiana has been placed on three years' probation and fined \$2,025. Williams has been placed on three years' probation and fined \$2,500.

Williams' and Guadiana's convictions were the result of undercover operations in which it was determined that they were providing anesthesia-free dental cleanings with metal scalers to animals without a license.

"It's imperative we stop unlicensed individuals from causing harm to animals" said Susan Geranen, Executive Officer of the Veterinary Medical Board. "The board takes unlicensed activity very seriously and will work with local District Attorneys to prosecute anyone involved in such activity."

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The mission of the Veterinary Medical Board (VMB) is to protect consumers and animals through development and maintenance of professional standards, licensing of veterinarians, registered veterinary technicians, and premises, and diligent enforcement of the California Veterinary Medicine Practice Act.

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