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### **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY ASSISTANT CONVICTED OF FELONY FOR ILLEGALLY PRACTICING AS AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST**

SACRAMENTO – A Los Angeles County Occupational Therapy Assistant has been convicted of a felony for illegally practicing as an Occupational Therapist, and has been sentenced to three years' probation and 44 days of community service.

An investigation into Dean Anthony Theodore by the California Board of Occupational Therapy and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office determined Theodore was illegally representing himself and practicing as an Occupational Therapist. Theodore is licensed by the Board as an Occupational Therapy Assistant and does not possess an Occupational Therapist license.

"An individual performing work they are not licensed to do is not only illegal but it also compromises patient safety," said Heather Martin, Executive Officer of the Board of Occupational Therapy. "We want to remind consumers it is very important they always check the licenses of individuals they are receiving services from."

For more information about the California Board of Occupational Therapy, visit [www.bot.ca.gov](http://www.bot.ca.gov).

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