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BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY SEEKS TO REVOKE OR SUSPEND LICENSE OF PSYCHOLOGIST FOR UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

Fresno Clinical Psychologist Accused of Communicating Confidential Patient Information on Social Media While with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The Board of Psychology (Board) has filed an accusation seeking to revoke or suspend the license of Lauren Nicole Zanutto, Ph.D. [#30666](#), of Fresno, for allegedly accessing a patient's records without authorization, communicating confidential patient information, unprofessional conduct, and acts of negligence.

According to the [Accusation](#), Zanutto is accused of posting confidential information about a patient publicly on social media, revealing that the perpetrator of an assault that led to the deaths of two inmates was once her patient. She is also accused of disclosing the patient's mental health level of care, including posting prior threats documented in the patient's records.

The Board alleges Zanutto engaged in unprofessional conduct and acts of negligence by accessing the patient's records after learning the patient was no longer assigned to her, and willfully and without authorization, communicating confidential patient information by disclosing the patient was once assigned to her, had made threats that were "documented for many months," and had

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moved from a higher level of care to a lower level of care in the mental health system.

The [Accusation](#) is available on [Zanutto's licensing detail page](#) at <https://search.dca.ca.gov/>.

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