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Press Release**

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Medical Board Suspends License of Physician in Paris, Texas

On March 18, 2011, a disciplinary panel of the Texas Medical Board temporarily suspended, without notice, the medical license of Rick Alan Szumlas, M.D., of Paris, Texas, after determining that Dr. Szumlas' continuation in the practice of medicine constitutes a continuing threat to the public welfare.

The panel found that Dr. Szumlas, Lic. No. L3154, is impaired due to mental illness. Evidence reviewed by the panel, including information obtained from the City of Paris Police Department, demonstrates that Dr. Szumla is having delusional thoughts and hallucinations.

The Temporary Suspension Hearing Without Notice took place under the Board's authority granted by the Medical Practice Act. The physician has the opportunity to have a Temporary Suspension Hearing With Notice at least 10 days after notice of the suspension just taken.

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