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Redwood Inn License Suspended in Sultana *Alcohol Sales Suspended Indefinitely Until License is Transferred*

(Visalia) - On December 4, 2013, the California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control indefinitely suspended the alcoholic beverage license for the business known as the Redwood Inn at 10414 Ave 416 in Sultana.

This action is the result of an Accusation filed by the Department against the Redwood Inn's alcoholic beverage license for allowing a person under 21 years of age to illegally enter and remain in the licensed business. The Redwood Inn holds a public premises license which restricts underage persons from being inside the business unless they are conducting legitimate business.

In less than three years, the Redwood Inn has suffered five Department disciplinary actions against the license. All but one involved alcohol sales to minors and/or minors being permitted to enter and remain in the premises illegally. The minors ranged in ages from 15-20 years-old. The other violation was for fights involving patrons and an injury to a Sheriff's deputy that occurred in April, 2012.

In the most recent action, while the licensee was serving two separate probationary penalties, a Tulare County Sheriff's Department investigation revealed that a 15 year-old had been allowed to enter the business through the front doors without showing identification, and remained inside for about an hour before being contacted. The Department subsequently ordered the license revoked with that revocation set aside until August 7, 2014 on the condition that the license be suspended for 30 days and indefinitely thereafter until either the revocation goes into effect or the license is transferred to persons acceptable to the Department for a location outside of Sultana.

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