

IN THE MATTER OF
JEFFREY MAUPIN, P.T.

License No.: 22136

Respondent

* BEFORE THE
* STATE BOARD
* OF
* PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
* Case No. 10-48M

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to Md. State Govt. Code Ann. §10-226 (c) (2)(2009 Repl. Vol.), the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board") hereby suspends the license to practice physical therapy in Maryland issued to Jeffrey Maupin, P.T., (the "Respondent"), under the Maryland Physical Therapy Act (the "Act"), Md. Health Occ. Code Ann. § 13-101, et seq., (2008 Repl. Vol.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings, which the Board has reason to believe are true:

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice physical therapy in Maryland. The Respondent was first licensed on December 4, 2007. The Respondent's license expires on May 31, 2012.

2. At all times relevant herein, the Respondent provided physical therapy through, a home health care services company headquartered in Louisiana. The Respondent worked out of the Cecil County office. He was first employed by the company on December 29, 2008.

3. By a document dated November 23, 2010, the Director of Corporate Compliance of the company filed a complaint with the Board indicating that the Respondent was under "investigation for abusing a patient." On December 15, 2010, a Cecil County Sheriff's Department detective reported to the company that an investigation of the Respondent was being conducted in response to a complaint made by a patient and the patient's family. The investigation led to a confession of patient abuse by the Respondent.

4. On December 16, 2010, as a result of the complaint of abuse, the Respondent was terminated from employment at the home health care services company.

5. The Respondent had provided physical therapy services to Patient A¹ on October 13, 14, 18 and 20, 2010. Patient A informed her daughter that the Respondent had touched her breasts on top and under her shirt on October 18. Based upon that information, Patient A's daughter set up a video camera on the nightstand directly next to her mother's bed. The next patient home visit occurred on October 20. After the Respondent left on October 20th, Patient A's daughter checked the camera and observed that the Respondent continually touched and massaged Patient A's breasts, on top and under her shirt.

6. Patient A's daughter reported these incidents to the police. A detective subsequently interviewed Patient A who, in addition to describing the breast incident, also told them that the Respondent sucked her breasts and touched her "down there",

¹ The patient's name is confidential, but may be disclosed to the Respondent by contacting the Administrative Prosecutor.

indicating her groin area. She indicated that the Respondent had treated her in her home on four separate occasions, that he touched her inappropriately on all four visits, and that it was "getting worse every time".

7. The Detective obtained a copy of the video recording from the daughter and reviewed it, observing the Respondent touch and fondle Patient A's breasts. According to the Detective, it appeared that the Respondent squeezed the breast and nipple of the patient by placing it between his fingers. When they interviewed Patient A, she said that during those sessions, the Respondent touched her vagina area over her clothes, touched both breasts with his hands, sucked her left breast and nipple, and grabbed her hand and made her touch his groin area, all against her will and consent.

8. On November 15, 2010, the Detective met with the Respondent for purposes of conducting an interview. The Respondent confessed to touching and sucking Patient A's breast during her physical therapy treatment sessions, but denied touching her vagina and having her touch his penis. During the interview, the Respondent stated that he has previously performed these types of inappropriate activities with other female patients in the past, but didn't recall the patients' names.

9. On November 17, 2010, an Application for Statement of Charges was filed with the Court Commissioner's Office for Cecil County and on November 18th, a criminal warrant was issued for the Respondent's arrest.

10. The Respondent has been charged with the following criminal charges in Cecil County:

A. Count 1: Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Physical Injury, Incident date, October 13,

2010;

- B. Count 2: Sex Offense, Third Degree, Incident date, October 13, 2010;
- C. Count 3: Sex Offense: Fourth Degree, Incident date, October 13, 2010;
- D. Count 4: Assault—Second Degree, Incident date, October 13, 2010;
- E. Count 5: Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Physical Injury, Incident date, October 14, 2010;
- F. Count 6: Sex Offense: Third Degree, Incident date, October 14, 2010;
- G. Count 7, Sex Offense Fourth Degree, Incident date, October 14, 2010;
- H. Count 8: Assault, Second Degree, Incident date, October 14, 2010;
- I. Count 9: Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Physical Injury, Incident date, October 18, 2010;
- J. Count 10: Sex Offense, Third Degree, Incident date, October 18, 2010;
- K. Count 11: Sex Offense, Fourth Degree, Incident date, October 18, 2010;
- L. Count 12: Assault, Second Degree, Incident date, October 18, 2010;
- M. Count 13: Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Physical Injury, Incident date, October 20, 2010;
- N. Count 14: Sex Offense, Third Degree, Incident date, October 20, 2010
- O. Count 15: Sex Offense, Fourth Degree, Incident date, October 20, 2010;
- P. Count 16: Assault, Second Degree, Incident date, October 20, 2010.

FINDINGS OF FACT

As set forth above, by fondling his patient while under the guise of providing physical therapy, the Respondent is a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing, the Board finds that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.).

ORDER

Based on the foregoing, it is therefore this 21st day of **December 2010**, by a majority vote of a quorum of the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, by authority granted to the Board by Md. St. Gov't. Code Ann. §10-226(c) (2) (2009 Repl. Vol.), the license held by the Respondent to practice physical therapy in Maryland, License No. 22136, is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and be it further

ORDERED, that upon the Board's receipt of a written request from the Respondent, a Show Cause Hearing shall be scheduled within a reasonable time of said request, at which the Respondent will be given an opportunity to be heard as to whether the Summary Suspension should be continued, regarding the Respondent's fitness to practice physical therapy and the danger to the public; and be it further

ORDERED, that the Respondent shall immediately turn over to the Board his wall certificate, computerized wall license, and wallet-sized license to practice physical therapy issued by the Board; and be it further

ORDERED, that this document constitutes a final Order of the Board and is therefore a public document for purposes of public disclosure, as required by Md. State

Gov't Code Ann. §10-617(h) (2009 Repl. Vol.).

Shirley L. Leeper PTA
Shirley L. Leeper, P.T.A., Chair
Board of Physical Therapy Examiners

NOTICE OF HEARING

A Show Cause hearing to determine whether the Summary Suspension shall be continued will be held before the Board at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, 21215 following a written request by the Respondent for same.