

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE MARYLAND
SCOTT ZIMMERMAN, P.T.A.	*	STATE BOARD OF
LICENSE No: A3257	*	PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS
Respondent	*	CASE NUMBER: PT 12-18

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

The Maryland Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (the "Board") hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **SCOTT ZIMMERMAN, P.T.A.** (the "Respondent") (D.O.B. 12/26/1977), to practice physical therapy in the State of Maryland. The Board takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. State Gov't Code Ann. § 10-226(c)(2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.) concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

Based on information received by, and made known to the Board, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to the Board, including the instances described below, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:<sup>1</sup>

1. The Respondent is licensed to practice as a physical therapy assistant in the State of Maryland under License Number A3257. The Respondent's license is currently active and scheduled to expire on May 31, 2013.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this matter.

<sup>2</sup> The Respondent was also licensed in New Jersey, but that license expired on January 31, 2010.

2. At all times relevant to the statements herein, the Respondent practiced as a physical therapy assistant at a physical therapy practice located in Clinton, Maryland.

3. On or about April 5, 2012, the Board received a complaint advising that the Respondent had been arrested and indicted by the Baltimore City Police Department ("BCPD") for Sexual Solicitation of a Minor.

4. Thereafter, the Board initiated an investigation.

5. The Board's investigation revealed that on or about February 13, 2012, the Respondent was charged with two counts of sexual solicitation of a minor.

6. The charges stem from the Respondent's "chat room" conversations with two undercover detectives who were posing as 14 year old females.

7. The Respondent engaged in sexually explicit conversations with both subjects on approximately 25 occasions between July 5, 2011 and December 5, 2011.

8. The Respondent is currently incarcerated at the Baltimore City Detention Center on a \$500,000 bond.

### **INVESTIGATIVE CONCLUSIONS**

Based on the foregoing facts, the Board has reason to determine that there is a substantial likelihood of a risk of serious harm to the public health, safety, or welfare by the Respondent. The Respondent's conduct constitutes actual harm to public health, safety or welfare and undermines the integrity and dignity of the physical therapy profession.

**CONCLUSION OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing facts, the Board concludes that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2)(i) (2009 Repl. Vol. and 2011 Supp.).

**ORDER**


Based on the foregoing, it is this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012, by a majority of the Board:

**ORDERED** that pursuant to the authority vested by State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2), the Respondent's license to practice as a physical therapy assistant be and hereby is **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that on presentation of this Order, the Respondent **SHALL SURRENDER** to the Board's Investigator his original Maryland license number A3257; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this is a Final Order of the Board and, as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to State Gov't §§ 10-611 *et seq.*

4/27/12  
Date

  
John Baker, P.T., Chair  
Maryland Board of Physical Therapy  
Examiners