

IN THE MATTER OF \* BEFORE THE STATE  
AHMED E. ABDALLAH \* STATE BOARD OF  
RESPONDENT \* MASSAGE  
LICENSE NO.: M04293 \* THERAPY EXAMINERS  
\* CASE NO: 20-11M

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**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

Pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Govt. §10-226 (c)(2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.), the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners (the "Board") hereby summarily suspends the license of Ahmed E. Abdallah, License Number: M04293 (the "Respondent"), to practice massage therapy under the Maryland Massage Therapy Act (the "Act"), Md. Code Ann., Health Occupations ("Health. Occ.") §§12-101 *et seq.* (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp.). This Order is based on the following investigative findings which the Board has reason to believe are true:<sup>1</sup>

**INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS**

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland.

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<sup>1</sup> The statements regarding the Respondent's conduct are only intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis for the Board's action. 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 this matter.

2. The Respondent was originally issued a license to practice massage therapy in Maryland on or about June 20, 2007. The Respondent's license expires on or about October 31, 2022.

3. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent owned and operated a practice that provided massage therapy and other services (the "Practice"). The Practice is located in Montgomery County, Maryland.<sup>2</sup>

Client A

4. On or about July 27, 2020, the Board received a complaint from a client ("Client A") regarding the Respondent's conduct during a massage therapy session.

5. An investigation conducted by Board staff revealed the following:

6. Client A received massage therapy treatments from the Respondent for approximately seven (7) years. Client A began receiving massage therapy treatments from the Respondent when he practiced in the District of Columbia.

7. The Respondent failed to complete a health assessment questionnaire while Client A was a client.

8. Between October 2019 and January 2020, on approximately five (5) occasions, the Respondent massaged Client A's groin and vaginal areas. The Respondent explained to Client A that massaging these areas would enable him to access her trigger points.

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<sup>2</sup> The Practice, Client A, and Client B are not identified in this document for privacy reasons, but this information will be provided to the Respondent upon request.

9. On or about July 6, 2020, Client A sought massage therapy treatment from the Respondent. Client A informed the Respondent that she was having problems with her hips abductors and requested that he concentrate on those areas.

10. In response to Client A's request, the Respondent told Client A he was going to try Thai therapy because he was having difficulty finding her trigger points. The Respondent then raised the massage therapy table so that Client A was sitting upright at a ninety-degree angle.

11. The Respondent sat on the massage table and straddled himself behind Client A. Once straddled behind Client A, the Respondent pressed his body against hers, wrapped his arms around her, and began massaging her breast and the front of her body. The Respondent then proceeded to place his fingers from both hands inside her vagina. When the Respondent began massaging her breast, Client A's drape had fallen, leaving her breast fully exposed.

12. Client A did not return to the Respondent's practice after July 6, 2020.

13. On or about July 27, 2020, Client A reported the Respondent's July 6, 2020 conduct to the Montgomery County Police (the "MCP").

14. On or about February 2, 2021, the Respondent was charged by the MCP with one (1) count of rape in the second degree and one (1) count of assault second degree.

Client B

15. During the investigation of the Client A's complaint, Board staff learned about the Respondent's conduct during a therapy session with Client B.

16. Client B began massage therapy treatments with the Respondent in 2011. Client B sought treatment for her lower back.

17. During a July 13, 2020 massage therapy session, the Respondent did not adequately drape Client B when he began to massage Client B's leg. Client B could feel air on her genitals when the Respondent pulled her leg out to the side.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action in this case, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't. § 10-226(c) (2) (2014 Repl. Vol. & 2020 Supp).

**ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Investigative Findings and Conclusions of Law, it is this 25<sup>TH</sup> of MARCH 2021, by a majority of the quorum of the Board, it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the license issued to the Respondent to practice as a licensed massage therapist in the State of Maryland under license number: M04293 is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent is prohibited from practicing massage therapy in the State of Maryland; and it is further

**ORDERED** that the Respondent shall immediately return all licenses (wall and wallet sized) to the Board; and it is further

**ORDERED** that this Order for Summary Suspension is a public document, as defined in Md. Code Ann., General Provision §§ 4-101 *et seq.* & § 4-333 (2014 Rep. Vol. & 2020 Supp.).

3/25/21  
Date

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