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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION :
OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF :

Administrative Action

Felipe D. Cruz :
LICENSE NO. 18KT0075900 :

INTERIM ORDER OF :
SURRENDER OF LICENSE :
TO BE DEEMED A TEMPORARY :
SUSPENSION :

TO PRACTICE MASSAGE AND :
BODYWORK THERAPY IN THE :
STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy (hereinafter the "Board") upon receipt of information that Felipe Cruz (hereinafter "Respondent") was arrested on or about November 4, 2013, and again on or about November 22, 2013, for a total of seven (7) counts of Criminal Sexual Contact (N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3B) and one (1) count of Sexual Assault with Force (N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2C(1)) in connection with alleged conduct with clients upon whom Respondent was performing massage therapy at his place of employment in Englewood, New Jersey. The Board also received information on or about April 10, 2014, that Respondent had been Indicted by a grand jury

sitting in Bergen County, New Jersey for three (3) counts of Sexual Assault by Digital Penetration (N.J.S.A. 2C:14-2C(1)) and eleven (11) counts of Criminal Sexual Contact (N.J.S.A. 2C:14-3B) in connection with alleged conduct with clients upon whom he was performing massage therapy.

The parties have agreed to an interim order of voluntary surrender of Respondent's license to practice massage and bodywork therapy in the State of New Jersey pending resolution of the criminal charges and further order of the Board. This Order is entered without prejudice to Respondent's ability to defend himself.

Respondent making no admissions, and the Board specifically reserving its right to take action against Respondent based on the conduct underlying his arrest and other information available to it; and the Board finding the terms of this consent order to be sufficiently protective of the health, safety and welfare of the people of New Jersey;

IT IS ON THIS 14th day of ~~April~~, 2014 *May 2014*

ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall immediately surrender his license to engage in the practice of massage and bodywork therapy in the State of New Jersey. Such surrender shall be deemed a temporary suspension of Respondent's license.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding himself out as a massage and bodywork therapist.

3. Respondent shall refrain from the further practice of massage and bodywork therapy pending resolution of criminal charges and further order of the Board.

4. Respondent shall forward his license, along with his wallet-sized biennial renewal license forthwith to Gezim Bajrami, Deputy Attorney General, 124 Halsey Street, 5th Floor, Newark, New Jersey 07101 on behalf of the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy.

5. If Respondent is incapable of forwarding his license, along with his wallet-sized biennial renewal license to Gezim Bajrami, Deputy Attorney General, due to his being in the custody of law enforcement officials, he shall do so as soon as is practicable.

6. This Order is entered without any admission of any wrongdoing by Respondent and without prejudice to Respondent's ability to defend against the charges currently pending, and without prejudice to any further investigation or prosecution of any matter by the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy, the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey or any other law enforcement entities against Respondent.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE
AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
~~Deborah Greenholt~~ Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Board Chairperson

I have read and understood
the foregoing Order and agree
to be bound by its terms. Consent
is hereby given to the Board to
enter this Order.

[Signature]
Felipe D. Cruz

Dated: 4/25/14

[Signature]
Ron Bar-Nadav, Esq.
AS TO FORM ONLY

Dated: 4/25/14