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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
APPLICATION OF

LIN WANG

**FINAL ORDER OF
DENIAL OF LICENSURE**

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

This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy (the Board) upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Lin Wang submitted an application for licensure by the Board in or about July of 2013.
2. On Ms. Wang's application, she indicated she had never been charged with or convicted of any crime or offense.
3. A criminal history background check revealed that Ms. Wang had been arrested on October 12, 2011 in New York and charged with prostitution. She entered a guilty plea to disorderly conduct and

was assessed a total of three hundred and twenty dollars (\$320) in fines/costs.

4. Ms. Wang's explanation of the conduct that resulted in her arrest indicates that a male customer came into an establishment where Ms. Wang was providing massage therapy, and in the course of a massage he asked for a "hands job." Ms. Wang claimed she at first said "no," but then "I saw his facial expression and thought he was not easy so I did it for him..."

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Ms. Wang's failure to disclose her arrest and conviction on the application constitutes misrepresentation in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The conduct that led to the 2011 arrest relates adversely to the practice of massage and bodywork therapy within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure was entered on March 26, 2014. Copies were served upon Ms. Wang via regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Ms. Wang requested a modification or dismissal of the stated findings of fact and conclusions of law by setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed

and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting Ms. Wang's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

Ms. Wang responded to the Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure by providing a letter describing how hard she has worked as a single mother who does not speak English as a first language, how disappointed she would be without a license, and how she desperately wants a license. She professes that once she gets a license, she will obey the law. The conduct that Ms. Wang engaged in is conduct which is definitely not part of licensed massage and body work therapy. Ms. Wang maintained that she made a mistake because she did not know the related law. The idea that Ms. Wang did not know that the conduct she engaged in was against the law, let alone not part of massage or bodywork therapy, does not bode well for her future as a licensee. Besides the actual conduct, Ms. Wang failed to disclose her arrest or conviction and again, maintains that her failure to disclose was merely a mistake.

The Board reviewed Ms. Wang's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised. The Board was not persuaded that the submitted materials merited further consideration, as Ms. Wang did not dispute the findings of fact or conclusions of law. The Board determined to deny Ms. Wang's application. If Ms. Wang chooses, she

may re-apply after two years.

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 10th DAY of July, 2014,

ORDERED that:

1. Ms. Wang's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist in New Jersey is hereby denied. No subsequent application for licensure will be entertained for a period of two years, dating from the filing of this Final Order.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

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