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**New Jersey State Board of
Massage and Bodywork
Therapy Examiners**

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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	:	Administrative Action
LICENSURE OF	:	
	:	CONSENT ORDER
PAUL D. RANSOM	:	GRANTING LICENSURE
	:	
AS A MASSAGE AND BODYWORK	:	
THERAPIST	:	

This matter was opened to the Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy ("the Board") upon receipt of the application of Paul D. Ransom for licensure as a massage and bodywork therapist. Upon a review of the application and the criminal history background check, it was ascertained by the Board that although Mr. Ransom had indicated on his application that he had never been charged with any crime or offense, in 2004 he had been arrested on drug-

related charges (marijuana); he was subsequently acquitted of those charges.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that by indicating "N" for "no" in response to the question as to whether he had ever been charged with any crime or offense, he was providing inaccurate information, and thus he engaged in misrepresentation on his application in connection with his arrest and conviction history in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Mr. Ransom claimed that he answered "no" on the application because he believed the charges had been expunged.

The Board also finding that granting the applicant's request for licensure is appropriate under the circumstances, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 30th DAY OF October, 2014

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A civil penalty in the amount of \$100.00 is hereby imposed for the applicant's violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order, made payable to the State of New Jersey, and shall be forwarded simultaneously with this signed Order.
2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of the above penalty, and upon his demonstration that he has satisfied other licensure requirements, if he has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Chairperson

I have read and understand the
Within Consent Order and
agree to be bound by its terms.

Paul Ransom
Paul D. Ransom