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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 LICENSE : Administrative Action
APPLICATION OF :
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MAUREEN G. McDERMOTT : CONSENT ORDER
APPLICANT No.:1837768 :
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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 ("Board") upon review of Maureen G.
McDermott's application for licensure as a massage and bodywork
therapist. Upon a review of the application, and the results of
the Criminal History Background Check, it was ascertained by the
Board that in response to the questions relating to arrests and
convictions on the application, the applicant indicated that she
had never been charged with or convicted of any crime or
offense. However, the background check indicated that the
applicant was arrested twice. The first arrest was on April 23,

1999 for Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance or Analog and Drug Paraphernalia in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(1) and N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2. On October 20, 1999, applicant was accepted into a diversionary program for a one (1) year term and was assessed \$705.00. The applicant was also arrested on December 7, 2002 for Possession of Marijuana in violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10A(4) and on April 1, 2003 the charge was dismissed.

In response to Board questions relating to the arrests revealed by the criminal history background check, the applicant indicated that regarding the first arrest, the CDS and the paraphernalia belonged to an acquaintance, but she was arrested because she was in a hotel room with the acquaintance. As to the second arrest, the applicant claimed that the marijuana found in her car in a routine DUI check belonged to her passenger. Additionally, the applicant did not disclose prior arrests because she was the subject of a recent criminal background check conducted by a county college and a 2007 background check for a job both of which came back negative, so she assumed she did not have to acknowledge past arrests.

The Board finds that the applicant knew or should have known that by failing to disclose her arrest on the application in response to the questions about arrests and/or convictions she engaged in misrepresentation on her application in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board finding that licensure as well as entry of the within order are appropriate, and sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 14th DAY OF June, 2016

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. A \$100.00 civil penalty is hereby imposed upon applicant for the violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b). Payment shall be in the form of a certified check, bank check, money order, wire transfer or credit card and shall be submitted along with this signed order.

2. The applicant's application for licensure shall be granted upon payment of all applicable fees and demonstration of satisfaction of all requirements for licensure, if she has not already done so.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE AND BODYWORK THERAPY

By: Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian
Cynthia Sinicropi-Philibosian, LMST
Chairperson

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

Maureen G. McDermott
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Applicant No.: 1837768