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- The Board is the duly constituted authority for licensing and regulating the practice of massage therapy in the state of Arizona.
- Respondent is the holder of license number MT-11228, which allows her to practice as a 2. massage therapist in the state of Arizona.
- Under A.R.S. §§ 32-3202 and 32-4201 through 32-4259, the Board has jurisdiction over 3. the subject matter and over the Respondent as a licensee of the Board.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. During a massage on January 6, 2010, Respondent provided massage therapy to a client at Scottsdale Massage in Scottsdale, Arizona. The massage therapy client was an undercover Scottsdale Police Officer.
- 2. During the massage on January 6, 2010, Respondent offered to perform a nude or partially nude hand job for money.
- 3. During an interview with police on December 14, 2010, Respondent admitted to engaging in sexual conduct, including specifically providing hand jobs, with massage therapy clients at Scottsdale Massage, Busy Bodies Massage, and/or Paradise Island Massage from June 2008 until May 2010.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

- 1. Under A.R.S. § 32-4201, *et seq.*, the Board possesses jurisdiction over the subject matter and over Respondent.
- 2. The conduct described above in the Findings of Fact is grounds for discipline under A.R.S. § 32-4253(A)(15) (Engaging in sexual activity with a client).
- 3. The conduct described above in the Findings of Fact constitutes sexual activity in violation of A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(2)(a) ("Sexual activity" means offering to engage in sexual conduct"). "Sexual conduct" means any direct or indirect touching, fondling or manipulating of any part of the genitals or anus by any part of the body or by any object or causing a person to engage in that conduct. A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(3).
- 4. The conduct described above in the Findings of Fact constitutes sexual activity in violation of A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(2)(b) ("Sexual activity" means offering to engage in sexual conduct). "Sexual conduct" means any direct or indirect touching, fondling or manipulating of any part of the genitals or anus by any part of the body or by any object or causing a person to engage in that conduct. A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(3).
- 5. The conduct described above in the Findings of Fact constitutes sexual activity in violation of A.R.S. § 32-4253(B)(2)(c) ("Sexual activity" means making sexual advances,

requesting sexual favors or engaging in other verbal conduct or physical contact of a sexual nature with a client).

## **ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respondent's license number MT-11228 is REVOKED.

## RIGHT TO PETITON FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW

Respondent has the right to petition for a rehearing or review of this Order. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 41-1092.09 and A.A.C. R4-15-401(A), the petition must be filed with the Board within thirty-five (35) days from the date of mailing if the Order was served by certified mail. The petition must set forth legally sufficient reasons for granting the rehearing or review pursuant to A.A.C. R4-15-401(C). The timely filing of a motion for rehearing or review shall stay the enforcement of the Board's Order. If a motion for rehearing or review is not filed, the Board's Order becomes effective thirty-five (35) days after it is mailed, unless pursuant to A.A.C. R4-15-401(F), the Board has expressly found good cause to believe that this Order shall be effective immediately upon the issuance and has so stated in this Order. The failure to file a motion for rehearing or review within thirty days after service of the decision has the effect of prohibiting the parties from seeking judicial review of the Board's decision.

Dated and signed this 22 nd day of May, 2013.

ARIZONA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

By: Kathleen Phillips

Kathleen Phillips

Deputy Director

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5	ORIGINAL OF THE FOREGOING FILED
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7	Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy
8	1400 West Washington, Suite 300
9	Phoenix, AZ 85007
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11	EXECUTED COPY OF THE FOREGOING MAILED
12	BY CERTIFIED & REGULAR FIRST-CLASS MAIL
13	this day of May, 2013, to:
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15	Maristela Hoodspith
16	19635 N Cave Creek Rd. #126
17	Phoenix, Arizona 85024
18	Respondent/Licensee
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21	COPY OF THE FOREGOING MAILED
22	this 2012 day of May, 2013, to:
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24	Diana Rasner
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1	BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY		
2	In the Matter of:		
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4	MARISTELA HOODSPITH, LMT		
5		ORDER DENYING RESPONDENT'S	
6	Holder of License No. MT-11228	REQUEST FOR REHEARING OR REVIEW	
7	As a Massage Therapist		
8	In the State of Arizona		
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10	On September 23, 2013, the Arizona Bo	ard of Massage Therapy (Board) met to consider	
11	Respondent's request for rehearing or request of the Board's Order on May 22, 2013. The Board		
12	was represented by the Office of the Attorney General, Elizabeth Campbell. After full		
13	consideration of the record in this matter and the arguments of the parties, the Board voted to		
14	DENY Respondent's request for rehearing or review. Respondent has set forth no grounds upon		
15	which a rehearing or review should be granted.		
16	<u>ORDER</u>		
17	Respondent's Motion for Rehearing is <b>Denied</b> . The Board's Order dated May 22, 2013 remains		
18	in effect.		
19	<u>NOTICE</u>		
20	Respondent is notified that this Order is the final administrative decision of the Board and that		
21	Respondent has exhausted her administrative remedies. Respondent is advised that an appeal to		
22	superior court may be taken from this de	ecision pursuant to A.R.S. §§ 12-901 et seq within thirty-	
23	five (35) days from the date this decision is served.		
24	Da	ated and signed this 23rd day of September, 2013.	
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