

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY  
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING**

**IN THE MATTER OF:  
MICHAEL DORVAL  
LICENSE NO. MT01868  
COMPLAINT ID :C22-0784**

**CONSENT ORDER  
FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**

Michael Dorval ("Respondent"), the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Customer Services, Center for Professional Boards and Licensing and the Rhode Island Board of Licensed Massage Therapists (collectively referred to as "RIDOH") hereby agree to the entry of the following Consent Order in the above-referenced pending matter.

Complaint ID #C22-0784 (the "Complaint") came before RIDOH, alleging that Respondent had engaged in behavior that supports action against his Massage Therapist license pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ Chapter 23-20.8 *et seq.*

**FINDINGS OF FACT**


1. Respondent has been licensed as a Massage Therapist, License Number MT01868 (the "License") pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8-1 *et seq.* (the "Massage Therapy Law") and 216-RICR-40-05-10, the Regulations Pertaining to Massage Therapists (the "Massage Therapy Regulations") since June 24, 2011.
2. Complaint ID #C22-0784 (the "Complaint") came before RIDOH, alleging Respondent touched Patient A in an inappropriate manner, to wit:
  - a. On or about January 6, 2022, during the course of providing professional massage therapy services, Respondent inserted his fingers into the vagina of Patient A.

3. Respondent admits that the actions described in Paragraph 2 above demonstrate that Respondent violated: (i) Standard V(e) and Standard VI(a) of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage & Bodywork Standards of Practice and (ii) Section XIV of the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork, both of which are incorporated into §§ 9(C) and (D) of the Massage Therapy Regulations, respectively.
4. In connection with the conduct at issue in the Complaint, Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to a charge of felony assault and battery.
5. Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without an administrative hearing and voluntarily agrees to enter into this Consent order to surrender his license.

**Based on the foregoing, the parties agree as follows:**

1. Respondent admits to and agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of RIDOH.
2. Respondent has agreed to this Consent Order and understands that it is subject to final approval by RIDOH and is not binding on Respondent until final approval by RIDOH.
3. If approved by RIDOH, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives:
  - a. The right to appear personally or by counsel or both before the Board;
  - b. The right to produce witnesses and evidence on his behalf at a hearing;
  - c. The right to cross examine witnesses;
  - d. The right to have subpoenas issued by RIDOH;
  - e. The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
  - f. Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order;
  - g. Any objection to the fact that this Consent Order will be presented to RIDOH for consideration and review; and
  - h. Any objection that this Consent Order will be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank and Federation of State Medical Boards and posted to RIDOH public website.

4. This Consent Order results from an agreement between the parties to resolve the above referenced Complaint and avoid further litigation.
5. Respondent voluntarily surrenders his License and shall immediately cease and desist from practicing and/or holding himself out as a licensed massage therapist in the State of Rhode Island.
6. Respondent shall continue to keep his license in voluntary surrender status and to refrain from the practice of massage therapy.
7. Nothing shall prohibit the Respondent from re-applying for licensure at a later date. Because respondent has been convicted of a felony assault, any such decisions to grant licensure shall be made with the complete discretion of the Board consistent with R.I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8-3(f) and 23-20.8-3(g).
8. If Respondent violates the terms of this Consent Order, RIDOH shall have the discretion to take further disciplinary action. If RIDOH imposes any further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be provided notice of such action and shall have the right to appeal and/or seek a hearing on such action pursuant to applicable law.

  
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MICHAEL DORVAL  
LICENSEE NO.: MT 01868

  
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JENNIFER STERNICK  
**DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY**

Date Signed:  
4/25/24

Date Signed:  
4/29/2024