

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY  
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING

IN THE MATTER OF: SETH M JOSLIN  
LICENSEE NO.: MT02405  
COMPLAINT ID #: C24-0434B

**SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF MASSAGE THERAPIST LICENSE**

Seth M. Joslin ("Respondent") has been licensed as a Massage Therapist pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8-1 *et seq.* since May 30, 2017. Complaint ID #C24-0434B (the "Complaint") recently came before the Rhode Island Department of Health, Division of Healthcare Quality and Safety, Center for Professional Boards and Licensing ("RIDOH") alleging that Respondent had engaged in behavior that constituted "gross unprofessional conduct" against his Massage Therapist license pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8-1 *et seq.* This Summary Suspension is issued related to the Complaint and pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 23-20.8-6. After careful consideration and further investigation by RIDOH, the following constitute the findings of fact and conclusions of law with respect to the allegations against Respondent in the Complaint:

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. That Respondent is a Massage Therapist licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under License Number MT02405 (the "License").
2. Respondent owns and operates Bellevue Massage and Bodyworks in Newport, RI, a business holding itself out to the public as providing massage therapy treatments.
3. That on or about April 25, 2024, RIDOH received notice that, during practicing massage therapy on or about April 18, 2024, Patrick McGirr, a massage therapist practicing at the Bellevue Massage and Bodyworks facility, allegedly groped the breasts and tweaked the nipples of Patient A.
4. On April 19, 2024, Patient A called Respondent to report the incident from the previous day. After Patient A recounted the details of the assault to Respondent, Respondent

discouraged her from reporting the incident to any third parties or authorities, by citing the negative impact it would have on Mr. McGirr's personal relationships and upon Respondent's business.

5. Respondent did not contact the Rhode Island Department of Health to report this incident of misconduct by a licensed massage therapist operating in his facility.
6. In November 2022, the Department investigated an allegation of sexual assault committed by an unlicensed massage therapist working at Bellevue Massage and Bodyworks while operated by the Respondent. The unlicensed massage therapist was later criminally charged with sexual assault.
7. After review of available evidence, the Director of Health has found reasonable cause to believe that Respondent is practicing in violation of R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 23-20.8-1 *et. seq.*, and the supplemental regulations 216-RICR-40-05-10, including but not limited to failing to conduct his business and professional activities with honesty and integrity; failing to provide a physical setting that is safe and meets all applicable legal requirements for health and safety; and failure to report evidence of a violation of the Massage Therapy Act by a massage therapist to the Department of Health within 30 days.
8. Based on the evidence set forth above, the Director of Health finds that protection of the public's health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

#### ORDER

9. Based on the foregoing and pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws § 23-20.8-6 the License is hereby SUMMARILY SUSPENDED.
10. Charges will be issued, and a hearing shall be scheduled within 90 days of the issuance of this summary suspension. When the hearing is held, an Administrative Hearing Officer shall preside over such hearing. As a result of the hearing, discipline may be imposed on the License (for example, it may be suspended or revoked), or no discipline may be imposed on the License.

Ordered this 31st day of May, 2024



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