DIVISION OF HEALTHCARE QUALITY AND SAFETY
CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL BOARDS AND LICENSING
BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF: THOMAS CARTER
LICENSEE NO.: PTA01034
COMPLAINT ID #: C23-0332

CONSENT ORDER FOR VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Thomas Carter ("Respondent") is a Physical Therapist Assistant pursuant to R. I. Gen. Laws §§ 5-40-1 et seq. and holds license number PTA01034 (the "License"). Respondent wishes to voluntarily surrender the License, reserving the right to petition the Board of Physical Therapy (the "Board") for reinstatement as set forth below.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. That Respondent is a Physical Therapist Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island under the License.

2. That Respondent has been licensed to practice as a Physical Therapist Assistant in Rhode Island since January 29, 2015.

3. That Respondent graduated from the Community College of Rhode Island on May 16, 2014.

4. That on or about April 10, 2023, the Rhode Island Department of Health ("RIDOH") received notice that, during an interaction with a female patient, Respondent had touched her breast in an unprofessional manner.

5. That Respondent neither admits to, nor denies, the allegations stated in Paragraph 4 above.

6. That Respondent admits to the jurisdiction of the Board and hereby agrees to remain under the jurisdiction of the Board. That Respondent has read and comprehended the Consent Order, and understands that this Consent Order shall be subject to final approval of the Board and is not binding on Respondent until final ratification by the Board.
7. That, if approved by the Board, Respondent hereby acknowledges and waives, relative only to this Consent Order:
   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 presented by the Board;
   d) The right to have subpoenas issued by the Board;
   e) The right to further procedural steps except for those specifically contained herein;
   f) Any and all rights of appeal of this Consent Order; and
   g) Any objection that this Consent Order may (i) be reported to the National Practitioner Data Bank, (ii) be posted on the RIDOH’s public website, or (iii) become a permanent part of Respondent’s record and a part of the public record of this proceeding.

ACCORDINGLY, AND BASED ON THE FOREGOING

The Board and Respondent hereby agree to the following:

8. Respondent shall voluntarily surrender the License, without making any admissions and without prejudice to the ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations.

9. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from practicing and/or representing himself as a licensed Physical Therapist Assistant in the State of Rhode Island, pending further Order of the Board.

10. Respondent may not make any petition to the Board for reinstatement of the License until at least 18 months after the last date signed below, and acknowledges that any petition made before such time shall be null and void.

11. Respondent understands that it shall be within the complete discretion of the Board whether to grant such a petition and, if it is willing to do so, what terms, conditions, or other requirements it may compel from Respondent to satisfy its members that he is fit to practice.

12. If Respondent violates any term of this Consent Order, the Board shall have the discretion to impose disciplinary action, including immediate suspension of the License. If the Board imposes further disciplinary action, Respondent shall be given notice of such action and shall have the right to request a hearing within twenty (20) days of such discipline.

[Signature]
THOMAS CARTER
LICENSEE NO.: PTA01034

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WENDY BALTZER FOX
CHAIR, BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY

Date Signed: 8/8/03

Date Signed: 8/10/23