

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF

CHRISTY GRANT

LICENSE NO. 9620

CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

WHEREAS, CHRISTY GRANT (“Ms. Grant”) is a licensed massage therapist in the State of Louisiana and holds license number 9620 with the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (“LBMT”), and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the LBMT;

WHEREAS, on September 7, 2023, the LBMT received a complaint from Marsha Thompson (LBMT License number 8086), owner of Release and Heal Massage (LBMT License number E4652) in-person at the LBMT office. Ms. Thompson advised that on September 6, 2023, she received a phone call from another individual, who advised her that Ms. Grant had been performing sexual acts on her clients at Release and Heal Massage. The individual informed Ms. Thompson that videos of Ms. Grant engaging in sexual acts with her clients were uploaded to a private Facebook group. The individual also provided Ms. Thompson with a video that purported to show Ms. Grant performing oral sex on a female client at Release and Heal Massage. Ms. Thompson provided this video to the LBMT, which appeared to corroborate the fact that Ms. Grant engaged in the complained-of conduct on at least one occasion.

WHEREAS, effective October 25, 2023, the Board’s Complaint Investigation Officer, Menry Tucker, executed an Order of Summary Suspension based upon the information obtained from the Complainant, which had the effect of suspending the license of Ms. Grant.

WHEREAS, a hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension was initially scheduled for January 29, 2024. However, based on requests by counsel for Ms. Grant, the hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension was continued to October 14, 2024.

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant, through counsel, has indicated her desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:XLIV §5901 and La. R.S. 49:975(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant has admitted to the following:

1. Ms. Grant is and was at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a licensed massage therapist in the State of Louisiana, holding license number 9620 issued by the LBMT.
2. Ms. Grant admits that she engaged in a sexual act with an individual in the massage establishment where she worked.
3. Ms. Grant acknowledges that her conduct violated the following laws and regulations of the LBMT: La. R.S. 37:3563(A)(3)(6) and LAC 46:XLIV §3101(A)(C)(E).

WHEREAS, Ms. Grant recognizes her right to continue the pending administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in the notice of complaint, at which time Ms. Grant would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on her behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. Ms. Grant nonetheless waives her right to continue the pending formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. Ms. Grant also acknowledges that she waives any rights to which she may be

entitled pursuant to the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La R.S. 49:951, *et. seq.*, or which she otherwise may be afforded by any law, to contest her agreement to, or the force and effect of this Consent Agreement and Order, in any Court or other forum.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La R.S. 49:975(D), the Board orders and Ms. Grant accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977:

1. LBMT license number 9620 issued to Ms. Grant is hereby SUSPENDED for a period of two years. However, Ms. Grant is given credit for the time during which her license has been suspended, beginning October 25, 2023. Therefore, her period of suspension shall end on October 25, 2025. Upon reinstatement of her license, the license of Ms. Grant will be on PROBATION for a period of one (1) year in accordance with LAC 46:XLIV §2101(B)(7).
2. Ms. Grant shall reimburse legal and investigative costs associated with this case in the amount of ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND 00/100 (\$1,500.00) within two (2) years from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payments shall be made on a monthly or quarterly basis with the first payment being due within ninety (90) days from the date all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payments shall be made by certified check or money order.
3. Ms. Grant shall pay a fine for the above referred violations in the amount of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$2,000.00) within two (2) years from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. The payment(s) shall be made on a quarterly basis, with the first payment due within thirty (30) days from the date

that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order. Payment shall be made by certified check or money order.

4. After the license of Ms. Grant is reinstated, she may not practice as a solo practitioner, offer massage services from her home, nor shall she provide mobile massage services for a period of three (3) years. During the three (3) year period, Ms. Grant shall only work at a licensed Establishment(s) and shall contact the Board office to verify proper license and approval. After the reinstatement of her license following suspension, the three-year (3) period shall begin at the time Ms. Grant becomes employed as a licensed massage therapist and only time during which she is employed shall count against the three-year time period. Ms. Grant shall notify the Board office immediately if there is employment separation.
5. During the suspension and probation, Ms. Grant shall continue to renew her license to keep it in active status. Further, she shall renew her license for the 2024/2025 renewal cycle, and must pay the renewal fee of \$125.00 and late fee of \$100.00, and shall provide proof of the required twelve (12) hours of continuing education within one (1) month of the approval of this Consent Agreement and Order. She shall also be required to timely renew her license for future years, including the 2025/2026 renewal cycle, between January 1, 2025, and March 31, 2025.
6. Ms. Grant further acknowledges that failure to reimburse the fees set forth above at paragraphs 2 and 3 will require the Board to take further action in collection of this debt. Respondent has twenty-four (24) months to reimburse the expenses before the debt will be considered final and transferred to the Louisiana Office of Debt Recovery (ODR). After transfer, the debt is subject to an additional collection fee

of up to twenty-five percent (25%) of the total debt liability, as provided for in La. R.S. 47:1675(E).

7. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Ms. Grant waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.
8. Ms. Grant specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may result in a denial, revocation, or suspension of any license, certificate, or registration issued by, or applied for, in accordance with LAC 46:XLIV §1701.

Effect of Non-Acceptance of Agreement. Ms. Grant acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. She further acknowledges and agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, it will be void, and further proceedings may continue regarding the hearing on the Order of Summary Suspension and/or an Administrative Complaint may be filed relative to the allegations contained herein. If this Consent Agreement and Order is rejected by the Board, it will not constitute a waiver of Ms. Grant's right to continue the pending hearing on the matters alleged in an Administrative Complaint and the admissions contained herein will have no effect. Ms. Grant further agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, the members of the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, and their consideration of this Consent Agreement and Order shall not alone be grounds for recusal of any member of the Board, including any claims that the Board is biased against her, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received *ex parte* communication.


Address of Board. All payments ordered and any reports required by this Consent Agreement and Order shall be addressed to Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy, 9619 Interline Ave., Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that this Consent Agreement and Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board and is a public record of the Board. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LBMT website.

THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the LBMT involving Ms. Grant.

I, **JAMES R. RAINES**, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which Ms. Grant could be charged under this investigation, and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint, and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.

DATED: 10/11/2024



James Raines
Prosecutor

I, **CHRISTY GRANT**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation by Consent Agreement and Order (“Order”) pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), rather than proceeding to formal hearing, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LBMT for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LBMT the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:977.2. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LBMT shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor’s authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LBMT’s capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LBMT decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LBMT approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

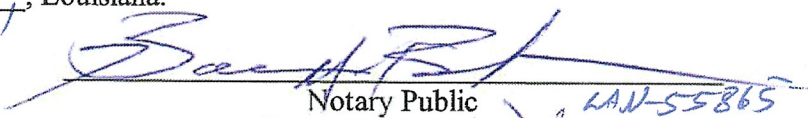
DATED: 10/11/2024

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CHRISTY GRANT

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me this 11th day of October,

2024, at BR., Louisiana.



Notary Public *LAN-55865*
Print Name: Buron M. Robertson
My Commission Expires: @ Death

ORDER

By a majority vote of the Board members voting in favor of the Consent Agreement and Order at the Board meeting on October 14, 2024, the Board hereby adopts said Agreement, and makes it an Order of this Board.

FOR THE BOARD:


Kathryn Lea Love, Chair