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BEFORE THE STATE OF NEVADA

MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD

In the Matter of:

Carlos Miguel M. Palma,

Licensed Massage Therapist Nevada License No. NVMT.10841,

Respondent.

Case No. NVMT-C-23069

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy (Board), by and through its Executive Director, Elisabeth Barnard, hereby notifies Carlos Palma("Respondent") of an administrative hearing, which is to be held pursuant to Chapters 233B, 622, 622A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and 640C of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and the Nevada Administrative Code (NAC). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine if the Respondent should be subject to an administrative penalty as set forth in NRS 640C.710, if the stated allegations are proven at the hearing by the evidence presented.

Respondent is currently and at all times mentioned herein, licensed as a massage therapist in the State of Nevada and is therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and the provisions of NRS Chapter 640C.

IT IS HEREBY ALLEGED AND CHARGED AS FOLLOWS:

ALLEGED FACTS

1. On or about July 22, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., T.C. received a massage from Respondent at Elements Spa and Salon, located at 6461 N Durango Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89149.

2. At the time of the massage, T.C. carried a wallet with her Driver's License, a debit card, a corporate credit card, and a personal credit card with her. 3. On or about July 22, 2023, at 8:26 p.m., T.C. received an alert for an attempted charge of \$6,499 on her debit card, by Charged Cycle Works ("CCW"). Immediately after, a \$1,000 charge was posted on T.C.'s debit card. 4. T.C. turned off her debit card after thirteen (13) attempted charges were denied over the next 30 minutes, in a total amount of appropriately \$5,0000. 5. On or about July 24, 2023, T.C. received a phone call from the fraud department for her corporate credit card, due to a suspicious charge of \$6.499, by CCW, and other ten (10) additional suspicious charges denied to various online retainers. T.C. then closed her corporate credit card. 6. On July 27, 2024, T.C. received a phone call from the fraud department for her personal credit card, inquiring about a \$1,200 charge to CCW, a \$785 charge to NoBull, and another approximately twelve (12) charges to various retailers. 7. On July 27, 2024, T.C. received a phone call from DJ Osbourne ("DJ"), the owner of CCW because he was concerned about an online order. 8. DJ confirmed that T.C. did not place an order with CCW, and concluded that someone had taken pictures of T.C.'s Driver's License, debit card, and credit cards. 9. DJ then provided T.C. with the phone number, email address, and delivery address for the electric bicycle that the person had placed the order on. 10. Based on the information, T.C. looked up the County Tax Records and confirmed that the shipping address is associated with Respondent. 11.T.C. subsequently reported this incident to the management at Elements Spa and Salon, filed a complaint with the Massage Board, and a police report with the Metro Police Department. 12. On November 1, 2023, Respondent was taken into custody.

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13. Police Officers conducted a recorded interview. Respondent admitted that he was under monetary stress and wanted to buy the items so that he could sell them. Respondent also apologized for his actions and realized he had made a mistake.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

COUNT ONE

14. By using T.C.'s Driver's License, debit card, and credit cards to make online purchases, Respondent violated the provisions of NRS 640C.700(4) and/or (9) This is grounds for discipline pursuant to NRS 640C.700(2).

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Executive Director, Elisabeth Barnard, prays as follows:

1. That the Board conduct a hearing on this complaint as provided by statute, and after such hearing, that the Board impose upon Respondent the discipline permitted by NRS 640C.710, which may include the following, (a) the imposition of an administrative fine of not more than \$5,000.00 per violation, (b) recovery of reasonable investigative fees and costs incurred, (c) recovery of attorney fees pursuant to NRS 622.400, (d) licensee be publicly reprimanded, (e) suspend, revoke or place conditions on the licensee's license, (f) place the licensee on probation, and/or (g) such other impositions as may be permitted by Nevada law.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider this Administrative Complaint against the above-named Respondent in accordance with Chapters 233B, 622, 622A and 640C of the Nevada Revised Statutes.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the Board is able to hear the matter with video conferencing by Zoom or by appearing in person.

> Zoom sign-in available at 8:30 a.m. Register in advance:

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Meeting ID: 835 7098 6231

Physical Location: 1755 East Plumb Lane, Suite 254, Reno, Nevada 89502 PURSUANT TO NRS 622A.320, Respondent may, but is not required to, file an

answer to this Complaint with the Board.

PURSUANT TO NRS 622A.330, Respondent may seek limited discovery from the Board.

As the Respondents, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through counsel of your choice. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and crossexamine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

You have the right to request that the Board issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making this request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevancy of the witnesses' testimony and/or evidence.

The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the Respondent has violated the provisions of Chapter 640C of NRS and if the allegations contained herein are substantially proven by the evidence presented to further determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against the Respondent, if any, pursuant to NRS 640C.710.

Should the Respondent fail to appear at the hearing, a decision may still be reached by the Board. As the Respondent, you are further advised that you may be charged with the attorney's fees and/or costs associated with the hearing pursuant to NRS 622.400.

Pursuant to NRS 233B.121(5), informal disposition of this case may be made by stipulation, agreed settlement, consent order, or default. Any attempt to negotiate this

4	case should be made by contacting Elisabeth Barnard, (775) 687-9951 or	
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2	Pursuant to NRS 241.033(2)(b), the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy may,	
3	without further notice, take administrative action against your license and/or certificate	
4	to practice within the State of Nevada if the Board determines that such administrative	
5	action is warranted after considering your character, alleged misconduct, professional	
6	competence, or physical or mental health.	
7	Dated this 23rd day of February , 2024.	
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13	ELISABETH BARNARD, Executive Director	
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16	CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
17	I HEREBY CERTIFY that on 223, I deposited for mailing at Reno, Nevada,	
18	via Certified U.S. Mail, with return receipt and postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of	
19	the foregoing COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING, properly addressed as	
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