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**BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF  
MASSAGE THERAPY**

In the Matter of:

Arnel C. Thomas,

Licensed Massage Therapist  
Nevada License No. NVMT.8186,

Respondent.

Case No. NVMT-C-1882

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER  
IN LIEU OF OTHER DISCIPLINE**

9 I, Arnel C. Thomas, wish to voluntarily surrender my Nevada Massage Therapy License.

10 1. It is alleged that:

- 11 a. On or about October 19, 2018, I was charged in Washoe County Justice Court with three  
12 counts of Sexual assault, **felony**; three counts of Open or gross lewdness, **Gross**  
13 **Misdemeanor**; and one count of indecent or obscene exposure, **Gross Misdemeanor**.  
14 All charges stemmed from Respondent practicing massage therapy.
- 15 b. On or about January 10, 2020, I was charged with a third amended criminal complaint  
16 in Washoe County Justice Court with two counts of Sexual assault, **felony**; three counts  
17 of Open or gross lewdness, **Gross Misdemeanor**; and two count of indecent or obscene  
18 exposure, **Gross Misdemeanor**. All charges stemmed from Respondent practicing  
19 massage therapy.
- 20 c. On or about September 9, 2021, I pled nolo to all three counts of Open or gross  
21 lewdness.

22 2. I admit these factual allegations and that it constitutes grounds for disciplinary action pursuant  
23 to NRS 640C.710 because the conduct violates NRS 640C.700(3), (4), and (9).

24 3. I am aware of, understand, and have been advised of the effect of this Voluntary Surrender.

25 4. I have read this Voluntary Surrender and I fully understand and acknowledge its facts and terms.  
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- 1 5. I am aware that I have certain constitutional rights, including:
- 2 (a) I have the right to hire an attorney to represent me in this proceeding;
- 3 (b) I have the right to demand a hearing on the charges against me, and I can require the
- 4 Board's staff to prove the allegations;
- 5 (c) I have the right to cross-examine the witnesses against me;
- 6 (d) I have the right to call witnesses to provide evidence on my own behalf;
- 7 (e) I have other rights accorded to me under the Nevada Revised Statutes
- 8 Chapters 233B, 622, 622A and 640C; and
- 9 (f) I have the right to obtain judicial review of the Board's decision.
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- 11 6. I am aware of the foregoing rights in paragraph five (5), and I voluntarily, knowingly, and
- 12 intelligently waive these rights in return for the Board accepting my voluntary surrender of my
- 13 massage therapist license in lieu of other disciplinary action.
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- 15 7. I understand this Voluntary Surrender is considered disciplinary action and as such will become
- 16 part of my permanent record.
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- 18 8. I understand this Voluntary Surrender is considered public information.
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- 20 9. I understand this Voluntary Surrender is considered disciplinary action and will be reported to
- 21 the national repository, which records disciplinary action taken against licensees, or any agency
- 22 or another state, which regulates the practice of Massage Therapy.
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- 24 10. I understand this Voluntary Surrender may be used in any subsequent hearings by the Board as
- 25 evidence against me to establish a pattern of behavior and for the purpose of proving additional
- 26 acts of misconduct.
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- 28 11. This Voluntary Surrender shall not be construed as excluding or reducing any criminal or civil
- penalties or sanctions in any other matter.

1 12. I understand that this surrender is effective on the date it was accepted by the Board, which is  
2 June 8, 2022.

3 13. I agree not to apply for re-licensure with the Board as a massage therapist until *ten years* have  
4 passed from the date of the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Surrender, which was at its  
5 meeting held on June 8, 2022.  
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7 I, Arnel Tomas, by my signature affixed below, agree with the foregoing facts and representations and  
8 thus choose to voluntarily surrender my License to practice as a massage therapist in Nevada.

9 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY retains jurisdiction in this case until all  
10 conditions have been met to the satisfaction of the Board.  
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14 NEVADA STATE BOARD  
15 OF MASSAGE THERAPY

RESPONDENT

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Board Chair                              Date

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Arnel Tomas, Respondent      08 JUNE 2022      Date