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

4 In the Matter of:
5 Vernon E. Thomas,
6 Licensed Massage Therapist
7 Nevada License No. NVMT.5967,
8 Respondent.

Case No. NVMT-C-23055

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER
IN LIEU OF OTHER DISCIPLINE**

9 I, Vernon E. Thomas, wish to voluntarily surrender my Nevada Massage Therapy License.

10 1. The Board received information that:

- 11 a. On or about May 17, 2023, I visited my place of employment, Hand and Stone Massage
12 & Facial Spa locate at 1150 E. Silverado Ranch Blvd., Suite 120, Las Vegas, Nevada
13 89123, to get a massage.
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15 b. The massage therapist, Sasha Wheelock, exited the massage room for me to get ready,
16 and when she returned, I pointed a handgun at her.
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18 c. Ms. Wheelock called the police and when they arrived, I pointed the handgun at myself.
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20 d. Subsequently, I was arrested for aiming a firearm at a person.
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22 e. On or about May 19, 2023, I was charged in Las Vegas Justice Court, case number 23-
23 CR-035450, for Assault with a deadly weapon, FELONY, and aiming a firearm at a
24 person, GROSS MISDEMEANOR.

25 2. I admit to the above information and that these factual allegations may constitute grounds for
26 disciplinary action pursuant to NRS 640C.710 because the conduct may have violated NRS
27 640C.700(2) and/or (9).

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

4. I have read this Voluntary Surrender and I fully understand and acknowledge its facts and terms.

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

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12. I understand that this surrender is effective on the date it was accepted by the Board, which is
November 9, 2023.

13. I agree not to apply for re-licensure with the Board as a massage therapist until **three years** have
passed from the date of the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Surrender, which was at its
meeting held on November 9, 2023.

I, Vernon Thomas, by my signature affixed below, agree with the foregoing facts and representations
and thus choose to voluntarily surrender my License to practice as a massage therapist in Nevada.

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

NEVADA STATE BOARD
OF MASSAGE THERAPY

RESPONDENT

Board Chair Date

Vernon Thomas 11/8/23

Vernon Thomas, Respondent Date