BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

In the Matter of:

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Renuka Tongklom,

Licensed Massage Therapist Nevada License No. NVMT.7923,

Respondent.

Case No. NVMT-C-22054

COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy (Board), by and through its Executive Director, Sandra Anderson, hereby notifies Renuka Tongklom ("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. Respondent, is and at all times herein, a licensed massage therapist in the state of Nevada.

- 2. On or about October 24, 2022, the Board received a complaint from Tammie Roitman, that Respondent borrowed a total of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) from her deceased husband, Norman Roitman, to be paid back in massages.
- 3. In or about 2020, Respondent began massaging Norman Roitman at his home.
- On or about April 5, 2020, Respondent borrowed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from Norman Roitman to be paid back in massages.

 On or about June 9, 2021, Respondent borrowed another Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from Norman Roitman to be paid back in massages.

| 1 | 6. On or about October 4, 2021, Respondent bathed/toweled down Norman Roitman | ı and |
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| 2 | shampooed his hair. | |
| 3 | 7. On Respondent's license renewal application dated March 15, 2021, she stated that | t she |
| 4 | does not perform outcall services; when in fact, she does. | |
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| 6 | VIOLATIONS OF LAW | |
| 7 | COUNT ONE | |
| 3 | 8. By bathing Norman Roitman and shampooing his hair, Respondent violated the provi | |
| 8 | of NRS 640C.700(9) as it relates to NAC 640C.410(d). This is grounds for disc | pline |
| 9 | pursuant to NRS 640C.700(2). | |
| 10 | COUNT TWO | |
| 11 | 9. By borrowing Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from a client, Respondent violate | d the |
| 12 | provisions of NRS 640C.700(9) as it relates to NAC 640C.410(o). This is ground | s for |
| 13 | discipline pursuant to NRS 640C.700(2). | |
| 14 | COUNT THREE | |
| | 10. By borrowing another Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) from a client, Response | ıdent |
| 15 | violated the provisions of NRS 640C.700(9) as it relates to NAC 640C.410(o). The | nis is |
| 16 | grounds for discipline pursuant to NRS 640C.700(2). | |
| 17 | COUNT FOUR | |
| 18 | 11. By stating on her license renewal application that she does not perform out call ser | vices |
| 19 | when she does, Respondent violated the provisions of NRS 640C.700(1) and/or | NRS |
| 20 | 640C.700(9). This is grounds for discipline pursuant to NRS 640C.700(2). | |
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| 22 | PRAYER FOR RELIEF | |
| 23 | WHEREFORE, Executive Director, Sandra Anderson, prays as follows: | |
| 24 | 12. That the Board conduct a hearing on this complaint as provided by statute, and after | such |
| 25 | hearing, that the Board impose upon Respondent the discipline permitted by | NRS |
| 26 | 640C.710, which may include the following, (a) the imposition of an administrative fi | ne of |
| 27 | not more than \$5,000.00 per violation, (b) recovery of reasonable investigative fees and | costs |
| 28 | incurred, (c) recovery of attorney fees pursuant to NRS 622.400, (d) licensee be pu | olicly |
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1 reprimanded, (e) suspend, revoke or place conditions on the licensee's license, (f) place the 2 licensee on probation, and/or (g) such other impositions as may be permitted by Nevada law. 3 4 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, 5 622, 622A and 640C of the Nevada Revised Statutes. 6 THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, commencing at 7 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the Board is able to hear the matter with video conferencing by 8 Zoom. 9 Zoom sign-in available at 8:30 a.m. Register in advance: 10 11 https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85370113332?pwd=UnV1bFcvUWgxTElZYzJVbjdjOkMrZz09 12 Meeting ID: 853 7011 3332 Password: 244142 13 Dial by your location 14 +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma) 1.5 +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston) +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose) 16 +1 301 715 8592 US (Washington DC) +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago) 17 +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) 18 PURSUANT TO NRS 622A.320, Respondent may, but is not required to, file an answer to this Complaint with the Board. 19 PURSUANT TO NRS 622A.330, Respondent may seek limited discovery from the Board. 20 As the Respondents, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be 21 heard in your defense, either personally or through counsel of your choice. You have the right to 22 respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to 23 call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter 24 relevant to the issues involved. 25 You have the right to request that the Board issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify 26 and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making this request, you may be required to 27 demonstrate the relevancy of the witnesses' testimony and/or evidence.

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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 case should be made by contacting Sandra Anderson, (775) 687-9951 or sjanderson@lmt.nv.gov.

Pursuant to NRS 241.033(2)(b), the Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy may, without further notice, take administrative action against your license and/or certificate to practice within the State of Nevada if the Board determines that such administrative action is warranted after considering your character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health.

Dated this 21st day of the bulance, 2023.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY SANDRA ANDERSON, Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on February 21, 2023, I deposited for mailing at Reno, Nevada, via Certified U.S. Mail, with return receipt and postage prepaid, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **COMPLAINT AND NOTICE OF HEARING**, properly addressed as follows:

RENUKA TONGKLOM 2024 PEYTON DR LAS VEGAS, NV 89104

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

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