

BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MASSAGE THERAPY

In the Matter of:
STEVEN THOMAS,

Licensed Massage Therapist
Nevada License No. NVMT.1348

Respondent.

Case No. NVMT-C-24077

**FINDINGS OF FACT,
CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND
ORDER**

WHEREAS on May 7, 2025, the administrative hearing held relative to the Complaint in the above-captioned matter having come before Nevada State Board of Massage therapy ("Board"), and the Board being fully apprised in the premises, and good cause appearing, the Board issued the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Board members present were Paula Wilber, Vice Chair, Secretary-Treasurer Jenn Ty, Alan Kite-Swinden, Rosemarie Mueller, Bill Schoen, John Teng, Stephanie Tsanas, and Sgt. Evan Fincher, LVMPD Advisory Member.

2. Joseph Peter Ostunio, Deputy Attorney General, was present and appeared as the prosecutor for the Board. Board General Counsel Colleen Platt was present and served as Board counsel.

3. Steven Thomas ("Respondent") did not appear at the disciplinary hearing but was duly notified by certified mail in compliance with NRS 241.0333.

II. JURISDICTION

4. RESPONDENT is licensed by the Board as a massage therapist, pursuant

1 to the provisions of Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code chapters
2 640C, license no. 12355.

3 5. RESPONDENT is subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and the provisions
4 of NRS Chapter 640C and NAC Chapter 640C.
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6 III. FINDINGS OF FACT

7 6. On or about September 7, 2024, while working at the MGM Grand Spa,
8 RESPONDENT performed a massage on a female client, E.M. During said massage,
9 THOMAS digitally penetrated her vagina with his fingers.
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11 7. As a result of these actions, RESPONDENT was arrested for Sexual Assault
12 (LLV240900027082)

13 8. On or about February 6, 2025, RESONDENT pled guilty to a gross
14 misdemeanor of open or gross lewdness as part of a plea agreement that will be reduced
15 to a conviction of misdemeanor battery should RESPONDENT successfully complete his
16 probation, which will include mandatory registration as a sex offender.

17 9. RESPONDENT is currently scheduled to be sentenced for the offense on or
18 about May 8, 2025. (Case No. C-25-388856-1).
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20 IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

21 10. Respondent, as evidenced by his actions as described above, is found by a
22 preponderance of evidence to having failed to respect and maintain a client's right to
23 privacy as per NAC 640C.410(1)(b)(13).

24 11. Respondent, as evidenced by his actions as described above, is found by a
25 preponderance of evidence to have engaged in sexual contact with a client as per NAC
26 640C.410(1)(b)(18).

27 12. Respondent, as evidenced by his actions as described above, is found by a
28 preponderance of evidence to have engaged in unprofessional conduct with a client

1 outside of the professional boundaries considered acceptable in the profession as per NAC
2 640C.410(1)(b)(28).

3 13. Respondent, as evidenced by his actions as described above, is found by a
4 preponderance of evidence to have engaged in violating multiple provisions of NRS 640C
5 as per NRS 640C(2).

6 14. Respondent, as evidenced by his actions as described above, is found by a
7 preponderance of evidence to have engaged in and/or soliciting sexual activity during the
8 course of practicing massage therapy, with or without the consent of the person, as per
9 NRS 640C.700(4).

10 15. Respondent, as evidenced by his actions as described above, is found by a
11 preponderance of evidence to have engaged in unethical and/or unprofessional conduct as
12 per NRS 640C700(9).

13 16. 15. Respondent, as evidenced by his actions as described above, is found
14 by a preponderance of evidence to have engaged in failing to properly drape client as per
15 NAC 640C.340
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17 V. ORDER

18 17. Having found by a preponderance of the evidence the Findings of Fact and
19 Conclusion of Law set forth herein and having unanimously voted, THE BOARD
20 HEREBY ORDERS:
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22 18. Respondent's Board license, NVMT.12355, is hereby revoked and
23 Respondent is ineligible to apply for new licensure for a minimum of ten (10) years from
24 the date of this Order.


25 19. Respondent shall pay administrative fines in the amount of \$5,000 for
26 violations 2 and 4, fines of \$1,000 for violations 1, 3, 5, and 6 for a total administrative
27 fine of \$14,000 to be paid within five (5) years from the date of this Order.
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1 20. Respondent shall partially reimburse the Board for investigation and
2 prosecution costs in this matter, in an amount not to exceed \$1,500. This amount shall
3 be paid within five (5) years from the date of this Order.

4 21. Failure of Respondent to pay the above ordered fines and cost
5 reimbursement within the specified time period could result in Respondent being issued
6 an Order to Appear and Show Cause from the Board who may then impose additional
7 discipline on Respondent after hearing on the matter.

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9 Dated this 12th day of June 2025.

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13 **NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY**

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16 Paula Wilber, Vice Chair

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20 Submitted by:
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Elisabeth D. Barnard / APPEAL

From Steven Thomas >
Date Fri 6/20/2025 3:07 PM
To Nevada Board of Massage Therapists <nvmassagebd@lmt.nv.gov>

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I am appealing the fines of me STEVEN THOMAS LMT 1348.
i am sending all licenses i have in the mail. right after i send this e mail .I threw out my current massage license after i meant with my lawyer knowing i would never massage again . I am sorry for the misunderstanding about the communication between us . I have been solely focus on my case with the courts. Spending all my money on my lawyer bills and just getting by. I never once intend to massage again . I have to find a new career . I talk to some one over the phone before and told them that i would deal with the massage board after my sentencing . which is JULY 10TH. Thank you for your time on this manner and understanding, Steven Thomas

Re: Automatic reply: Elisabeth D. Barnard / APPEAL

From Steven Thomas

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To Nevada Board of Massage Therapists <nvmassagebd@lmt.nv.gov>

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Dear Elisabeth D Barnard,

I am sending all of my massage license that I have. I have thrown out the current license I had. If I ever (which I would never do) massage again, fine me then, not now. You want to make sure I would never massage again, well I will never massage again I promise. I plead guilty under the advisement of my lawyer. I have an excellent work history, If you would like to hear from my coworkers, about my character and work ethic, I can provide names and numbers. Thank you for your time.