

# LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF

AHMAD BRAUD

LICENSE NO. 9214

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## CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER

**WHEREAS**, AHMAD BRAUD is a licensed massage therapist in the State of Louisiana and holds license number 9214 with the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy (“LBMT”), and is subject to the jurisdiction and rules and regulations of the LBMT;

**WHEREAS**, on August 15, 2022, the LBMT received a complaint from A.N. (“Complainant”) via the online complaint system that alleged sexual misconduct against Mr. Braud, which was alleged to have occurred during a massage at Woodhouse Day Spa (License No. E4394) in Metairie, Louisiana on July 10, 2022;

**WHEREAS**, Complainant filed a police report with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office relative to her allegations against Mr. Braud. Following an investigation, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff’s Office determined that probable cause to criminally charge Mr. Braud did not exist and closed the case;

**WHEREAS**, by letter dated April 26, 2023, the LBMT notified Mr. Braud of the complaint filed against him, provided Mr. Braud with a summary of the nature of the complaint, and requested that Mr. Braud provide a response to the complaint;

**WHEREAS**, on August 30, 2023, Mr. Braud responded to the complaint, denying Complainant’s allegations;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Braud has indicated his desire to resolve this matter through a Consent Agreement and Order provided for in LAC 46:XLIV §5901 and La. R.S. 49:975(D) of the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act;

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Braud has admitted to the following:

1. Mr. Braud is and was at all times pertinent to the facts and matters alleged herein a licensed massage therapist in the State of Louisiana, holding license number 9214 issued by the LBMT.
2. Mr. Braud acknowledges that the LBMT may have sufficient information to file an Administrative Complaint based on the allegations against him, and thereafter proceed to an administrative hearing based upon said allegations. However, in order to avoid proceeding to an administrative hearing, Mr. Braud agrees to enter into this Consent Order.
3. Mr. Braud admits that the allegations made against him, if found to be true by the LBMT, would amount to violations of the following rules and regulations of the LBMT: LAC 46:XLIV §3101(A), (B), (C), (E) and La. R.S. 37:3563(A)(3), (6).

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Braud recognizes his right to have an administrative adjudication of the charges outlined in the Notice of Investigation, at which time Mr. Braud would be entitled to be represented by legal counsel, to call witnesses, and to present witnesses on his behalf in defense or in mitigation of the charges made, and to a decision thereon by the Board based upon written findings of fact and conclusions of law in accordance with the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act. Mr. Braud nonetheless waives his right to formal adjudication and, pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), consents to the entry of the Consent Agreement and Order set forth hereinafter. Mr. Braud also acknowledges that he waives any rights to which he may be entitled pursuant to the

Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act, La R.S. 49:951, et. seq., or which he otherwise may be afforded by any law, to contest his agreement to, or the force and effect of this Consent Agreement and Order, in any Court or other forum.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that in consideration of the foregoing and pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by La R.S. 49:975(D), the Board orders and Mr. Braud accepts the following administrative action, which is a final decision pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977:

1. LBMT license number 9214 issued to Mr. Braud is hereby placed on PROBATION for a period of one (1) year from the date that all parties sign this Consent Agreement and Order.
2. Mr. Braud specifically acknowledges that failure to comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order may result in a denial, revocation, or suspension of any license, certificate, or registration issued by, or applied for, in accordance with LAC 46:XLIV §1701.
3. Mr. Braud shall report the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order to any board or agency located in the United States with which he is licensed or registered.
4. By agreeing to the terms of this Consent Agreement and Order, Mr. Braud waives all rights to appeal this adjudication.

**Effect of Non-Acceptance of Agreement.** Mr. Braud acknowledges that this Consent Agreement and Order is subject to the approval of the Board. He further acknowledges and agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, it will be void, and an Administrative Complaint may be filed relative to the allegations contained herein. If this Consent Agreement and Order is rejected by the Board, it will not constitute a waiver of Mr. Braud's right to a hearing on the matters alleged in an Administrative Complaint and the

admissions contained herein will have no effect. Mr. Braud further agrees that if the Board rejects this Consent Agreement and Order, the members of the Board may decide the matter after a hearing, and their consideration of this Consent Agreement and Order shall not alone be grounds for recusal of any member of the Board, including any claims that the Board is biased against him, that it cannot fairly decide the case, or that it has received ex parte communication.

**Address of Board.** All payments ordered and any reports required by this Consent Agreement and Order shall be addressed to Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy, 9619 Interline Ave., Suite B, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809.

**IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED** that this Consent Agreement and Order shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the Board and is a public record of the Board. The terms of this Consent Agreement and Order shall be published and reported in, including but not limited to, the LBMT website.

**THE ADMISSIONS AND FINDINGS CONTAINED HEREIN** are intended solely for the purpose of resolving the case at hand or in connection with other matters before the LBMT involving Mr. Braud.

**THIS CONSENT AGREEMENT AND ORDER** shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Board and is a matter of public record.

I, **JAMES R. RAINES**, serving as Prosecutor, do hereby acknowledge negotiation and preparation of this Consent Agreement and Order in order to resolve, with prejudice, all matters for which Ahmad Braud could be charged under this investigation, and further certify that this Consent Agreement and Order is consistent with the evidence, adequately addresses the complaint, and represents a true and correct statement of that which could be proven at a hearing of this matter.

DATED: 1/29/24


  
James Raines  
Prosecutor

I, **AHMAD BRAUD**, make these acknowledgements and waivers in support of a final disposition of the pending investigation by Consent Agreement and Order (“Order”) pursuant to La. R.S. 49:975(D), in lieu of the institution and prosecution of formal administrative proceedings, and accordingly consent to the entirety of the Order set forth hereinbefore and further waive any right to which I may be entitled under the Louisiana Administrative Procedure Act or any other law to contest, in any court, my agreement to this Order. By my subscription hereto, I also hereby authorize the Prosecutor to present this Order to the LBMT for its consideration and to disclose to and discuss with the LBMT the nature and results of the investigation of this matter. I herein waive any objection to such disclosure based on due process of law under either the State or Federal Constitution or under State statutory law, including La. R.S. 49:977.2. I expressly acknowledge that the disclosure of such information to the LBMT shall be without prejudice to the Prosecutor’s authority to file a formal Administrative Complaint, or the LBMT’s capacity to adjudicate such Administrative Complaint, should the LBMT decline to approve this Consent Agreement and Order. I further acknowledge my awareness that should the LBMT approve this Consent Agreement and Order that the Consent Agreement and Order will become a matter of public record.

DATED: December 21, 2023

  
AHMAD BRAUD

**SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO** before me this 21 day of December 2023, at Moravia, Louisiana.

  
Notary Public  
Print Name: Jean M Gambino  
My Commission Expires: at death



**ORDER**

By a majority vote of the Board members voting in favor of the Consent Agreement and Order at the Board meeting on Jan. 29, 2024, the Board hereby adopts said Agreement, and makes it an Order of this Board.

FOR THE BOARD:

Kathryn Lea Love  
Kathy Lea Love, Chair  
Chair