

LOUISIANA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

IN THE MATTER OF

WEIZHEN TAN

LICENSE NO. 8286

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Pursuant to La. R.S. 49:977.3(C), the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy ("LBMT") summarily suspends License number 8286 issued to Weizhen Tan ("Ms. Tan") pending an administrative hearing scheduled for **December 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.**

This Order of Summary Suspension is effective as of November 7, 2024. Upon execution of this Order, Ms. Tan is not authorized to engage in the practice of massage therapy and must immediately cease and desist from the practice of massage therapy, as defined by La. R.S. 37:3552. Further, Ms. Tan must cease and desist from referring to herself as a licensed massage therapist.

I. INITIAL FINDINGS

To protect public health, safety, and welfare, emergency action is required due to the nature of the allegations against Ms. Tan.

Ms. Tan is registered as a licensed massage therapist at Noble Massage (License # E4214). As part of the LBMT's review of licensed massage establishments, the LBMT regularly searches websites where businesses offering illicit services and/or illegal prostitution regularly advertise. The LBMT searches these websites to compare the names, addresses, and phone numbers of its licensed massage establishments. LBMT Investigator Paul Kimball reviewed these websites for information and found contact information associated with Noble Massage on several websites. Specifically, Investigator Kimball identified the following information:

On “RubMaps,” Noble Massage has several reviews posted on a subscription-based website dedicated to Asian Massage Parlor (AMP) reviews. Only paid subscribers have access to these reviews, which are submitted by other subscribers. A review of this site shows that Noble Massage has 19 user-submitted reviews dated between December 2, 2016, and April 24, 2024. These reviews allow contributors to specify the “provider” and detail services offered or received. Out of the 19 reviews, 17 reported offers or receipt of sexual services in exchange for money, identifying seven different providers.

On April 24, 2024, an individual under the username “hardinbr” reported paying \$60 to the “house” and a \$60 tip to “Ruby”, who was described as a 36-40 year old Chinese female with a slim build, black hair, 5’0” – 5’5” tall. The review indicated the user received a “handjob” to completion. A review submitted on March 28, 2024, by username “wantingmore69” reported paying \$60 to the “house” and a \$40 tip to “Ruby”, who this user describes as a 41-45 year old Chinese female with a slim build, black hair, 5’0” – 5’5” tall. The reviewer reported being a repeat customer of “Ruby” and reported he received a “handjob”, “prostate massage”, and was allowed to touch “Ruby” in her genital area.

On Eccie.net, forum members can post reviews of various types of sex workers, including a section labeled "Encounters AMP/Spa" organized by city and state. Non-premium members have limited access to information. A search on the site for “Noble Massage” and the phone number “225-444-5044” returned five posts dating from December 2, 2020, to November 30, 2021. Each of these posts mentioned sexual services, ranging from Full-Body Sensual Massage (“FBSM”) to Happy Ending (“HE”).

AdultSearch.com is a classified ad website for sexually oriented businesses, providers, and workers. Listings on the site require a paid subscription and are not free. Noble Massage has one

listing on AdultSearch.com. Although the ad does not specify any sexual services, it is posted under the category "Erotic Massage." The business is listed with the address 12314 Jefferson Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70816, and phone number (225) 444-5044.

Hot.com is a search engine dedicated to sexually oriented businesses. To advertise on this platform, businesses are required to create an account and pay for their listing. Noble Massage has an advertisement on Hot.com, accompanied by several reviews dated from December 1, 2016, to May 8, 2023. Upon review, some of these reviews were found to be identical to those listed on RubMaps.

Upon information and belief, Ms. Tan is the massage therapist identified as "Ruby" in the above referenced posts.

Based on the foregoing, it is alleged that Ms. Tan violated the following rules and regulations applicable to the LBMT:

Code of Conduct for Massage Therapists, La. Admin Code. tit. 46, Pt XLIV, §3101, *et seq.*:

§3101 Prohibitions of Sexual Activity

- A. All sexual activity by any person or persons in any massage establishment is absolutely prohibited.
- B. No massage establishment owner or operator shall engage in, or permit any person or persons to engage in, sexual activity in a massage establishment or to use that establishment to make arrangements to engage in sexual activity in any other place.
- C. No massage therapist shall engage in sexual activity with a current client of the therapist.

- E. As used in this Rule and §5301 of this Part:
 - a. sexual activity—includes:
 - i. coital sexual intercourse;
 - ii. anal sexual intercourse;

- iii. fellatio, cunnilingus;
- iv. masturbation;
- ...
- b. the purposeful touching of the genitals of another person...whether through draping or clothing, whether resulting in penetration or orgasm or not, and whether by instrumental manipulation, touching with the hands, or other bodily contact;
- c. any sexual offenses proscribed by the criminal laws of Louisiana including, but not limited to, R.S. 14:83.3 and 83.4.

F. For purposes of this rule, the term *client* means and includes any person receiving massage therapy services provided for compensation....

La. R.S. 37:3546. Regulation of advertising

- A. A person or an entity that does not hold a license as a massage therapist, physical therapist, or chiropractor, a certificate to practice athletic training, or a license as a massage establishment shall not use the words "massage", "body work", or any derivative or variation of the word "massage", including specific bodywork or massage modalities, on any sign or other form of advertising. Any advertisement by a massage therapist or a massage establishment shall contain the license number of such therapist or establishment. Building signs with promotional material shall also include the professional or establishment number.
- B. No sexually oriented business, as defined in R.S. 37:3558(C), shall use the word "massage", "body work", or any derivative or variation of the word "massage", including specific bodywork or massage modalities, on any sign or other form of advertising.
- C. In all pictorial representations for any advertisement representing massage therapy, including such representations through video, all persons representing massage therapists shall be attired and posed in a manner as to avoid appealing to the prurient interest. Persons representing clients shall be appropriately draped and posed. No licensed therapist or establishment shall advertise in any publication or any website marketing services appealing to the prurient interest.

La. R.S. 37:3563 Grounds for Discipline

- A. The board may suspend, revoke, or refuse to issue or renew a license after notice and opportunity for hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, upon proof of any of the following:

- (3) Engaging in unprofessional conduct that has endangered or that is likely to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public, as further defined by rules of the board.

- (6) Violating or aiding and abetting in the violation of any provisions of this Chapter or the rules and regulations promulgated hereunder....

II. DECISION AND ORDER

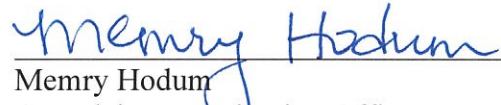
To maintain public health, safety, and welfare, emergency action is required due to the allegations set forth in the allegations in the complaint against Ms. Tan. Accordingly, LBMT License number 8286 issued to Ms. Tan, is **SUSPENDED**, effective immediately, pending proceedings for revocation of licensure or other action as the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy deems fit.

Proceedings before the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy shall be promptly instituted and determined. Accordingly, an administrative hearing before the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy is scheduled for **December 9, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., at the Jones Creek Library, 6222 Jones Creek Rd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana, 70817**. The hearing panel will consist of current Board Members. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, the Louisiana Massage Therapists and Establishments Act, and the rules promulgated by the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy.

Ms. Tan will be given a full opportunity to appear and be heard, with or without counsel, and is entitled to hear a statement of what accusations have been made against it, to present evidence, to cross-examine witnesses, and to have witnesses subpoenaed. Ms. Tan may request that subpoenas be issued by the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy and must send a request to the Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy office at least 10 days prior to the hearing, listing the names and addresses of the individuals to be subpoenaed, along with a brief summary of what the

individual will testify to. The testimony will be under oath and a court reporter will record the proceedings at the hearing, and any party wishing to obtain a transcript of the hearing may do so at her expense.

Date: November 7, 2024



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Louisiana Board of Massage Therapy