

IN THE MATTER OF * BEFORE THE
BLAKE E. KALKSTEIN, D.C. * MARYLAND STATE BOARD
Respondent * OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
License Number: S03735 * Case Number: 22-14C

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ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF LICENSE
TO PRACTICE CHIROPRACTIC

The Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **BLAKE E. KALKSTEIN, D.C.** (the “Respondent”), License Number S03735, to practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland. The Board takes such action pursuant to its authority under Md. Code Ann., State Gov’t § 10-226(c) (2021 Repl. Vol.), concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

Based on information received by, and made known to the Board, and the investigatory information obtained by, received by and made known to and available to the Board, including the instances described below, the Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

¹ The statements regarding the Board’s investigative findings are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the suspension. They are not intended as, and do not necessarily represent, a complete description of the evidence, either documentary or testimonial, to be offered against the Respondent in connection with this matter.

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant, the Respondent was originally licensed to practice chiropractic in Maryland on February 22, 2013, under License Number S03735. The Respondent's license status is active and is set to expire on September 1, 2023.

2. On or about July 11, 2022, the Board's Executive Director was notified by a professional association in Maryland that the Respondent was arrested for allegedly sexually assaulting a minor child.

3. After receiving this information, the Board initiated an investigation of the Respondent under Case Number 22-14C.

III. BOARD INVESTIGATION

4. As part of its investigation, the Board reviewed Criminal Case Records Search Results from the 400th District Court in Richmond, Texas (the "Court"), Court records, and a press release from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office.

5. The Board's investigation revealed that on or about July 6, 2022, the Respondent was arrested by the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office deputies at approximately 11:15 AM in the 700 block of Dulles Avenue in Stafford, Texas. According to a press release from the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office, the Respondent was accused of sexual assault of a child he met through an online video gaming platform. The Respondent is a gamer on different gaming platforms, one of which was used by him to lure the young victim.

6. The Criminal Case Records Search results for the Court revealed that on August 22, 2022, a grand jury in Richmond Texas issued the following indictment against the Respondent:

(a) 22-DCR-100085 Sexual Assault Child under Tex. Penal Code § 22.011(a)(2)

(b) 22-DCR-100086 Sexual Assault Child under Tex. Penal Code § 22.011(a)(2)

(c) 22-DCR-100683 Possession of Child Pornography under Tex. Penal Code § 43.26(a)

(d) 22-DCR-100684 Online Solicitation of a Minor under Tex. Penal Code § 33.021(b)[.]

7. According to Court records, the two counts of sexual assault in the indictment were against the same minor on two instances on March 19, 2022, and May 13, 2022. The Respondent is charged with assaulting a minor who is referred to by a pseudonym (hereinafter referred to as “Mia Lewis”).

8. For pretrial release, a magistrate judge set the total amount of bonds at \$260,000.00, which the Respondent made on September 30, 2022. Additionally, the magistrate judge set conditions including that the Respondent was not to have any contact, including through electronic means, with the child victim, Mia Lewis.

9. On October 28, 2022, the lead detective in the case received a phone call from Mia Lewis’s mother who stated that she found a note in Mia Lewis’s journal which read that the Respondent contacted her on October 23, 2022. The detective obtained records

from Mia Lewis's phone which revealed that an individual with an unknown phone number called Mia Lewis approximately seven times on October 24, 2022, and a text message was sent to her on October 29, 2022, which read "[r]eady?"

10. The detective also obtained a search warrant for two email addresses belonging to the Respondent which revealed activity on ten dates between October 2, 2022, and October 25, 2022. The detective confirmed with Mia Lewis that the Respondent reached out to her by telephone and email and was able to confirm that the Respondent used the unknown phone number to send the text message to Mia Lewis.

11. As a result, the State of Texas filed a Motion to Revoke Bonds on November 9, 2022, which the Court granted on November 10, 2022.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes as a matter of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't § 10-226(c) (2021 Repl. Vol.).

ORDER

It is, by a majority of the Board, hereby:

ORDERED that pursuant to the authority vested in the Board by Md. Code Ann., State Gov't 10-226(c)(2), the Respondent's license to practice chiropractic in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that there will be a Show Cause Hearing on **THURSDAY JANUARY 12, 2023 at 1:00 pm** before the Board at **4201 Patterson Avenue, Room 110, Baltimore, MD 21215**; and it is further

ORDERED that if, the suspension of the Respondent's license is continued following a Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent has the right to a full evidentiary hearing before the Board and a hearing will be scheduled before the Board if the Respondent submits a written request for an evidentiary hearing to the Board **no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the Board's written decision issued after the Show Cause Hearing**; and it is further

ORDERED that if the Respondent does not submit a timely written request to the Board for an evidentiary hearing within 30 days from the date of the Board's written decision issued after the Show Cause Hearing, the Respondent shall have waived all rights now and in the future to any hearing on the merits of the summary suspension of the Respondent's license and the factual allegations contained in this Order for Summary Suspension; and it is further

ORDERED that this Order for Summary Suspension shall remain in effect and the summary suspension of the Respondent's license shall continue until further Order of the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that this is an Order of the Board, and as such, is a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT** pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Gen. Provisions § 4-101 *et seq.* (2014).

12/16/2022
Date

Sharon Oliver
Sharon J. Oliver, MBA, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Chiropractic Examiners