

**IN THE MATTER OF
LAUREN ANNE McNICHOLS
CMT APPLICANT
CASE NO. 07-056M**

**BEFORE THE MARYLAND
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC
EXAMINERS**

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PRE-CHARGE CONSENT ORDER

Background

On August 8, 2007, the Maryland Board of Chiropractic Examiners (the "Board") received an application from Lauren Ann McNichols (the "Respondent"). On Ms. Nichols' application, she disclosed that she had received probation before judgment for theft of items less than five hundred dollars in value. Subsequently, the Board's conducting its own investigation of this matter. The Board had reason to believe that the Respondent should be issued a license and serve one year of probation.

In lieu of issuing Charges against the Respondent for violation of the Maryland Chiropractic Act, Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§ 3-101 *et seq.*, the Board has voted to enter into this Pre-Charge Consent Order with the Respondent as a resolution of this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The respondent's applied for a license to become a Certified Massage Therapist on August 8, 2007.
2. On November 16, 2005, the respondent stole a power washer from a neighbor's tool shed. On March 10, 2006, the respondent received probation before judgment for theft of items less than five hundred dollars.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact, the Board concludes that the Respondent has violated Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. §§3-5A--09(11) and 3-5A--11(a).

ORDER

Based on an affirmative vote of a quorum of the Board, it is this 5th day of June, 2008, hereby:

ORDERED that the Respondent's license to practice massage therapy be issued and that the licensee serve twelve months of probation; and be it further

ORDERED that within 60 days of the date this order is executed, the Respondent shall be tested for illegal drugs at a time and manor chosen by the Board;

ORDERED that the Respondent shat practice in accordance with the laws and regulations governing the practice of Massage Therapy in Maryland; and be it further

ORDERED that the Respondent shall at all times cooperate with the Board and all treatment providers in the monitoring, supervision, and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the terms and conditions of this Consent Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that the Respondent shall be responsible for all costs associated with this Consent Order; and be it further,

ORDERED that this is a formal order of the Maryland Board of Chiropractic Examiners and as such is a public document pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government Article, Section 10-617(h).

6/5/08
Date

Christopher J. Ketter, Deputy Director
for Duane R. Sadula, For and by
Duane R. Sadula
Chair, Board of Chiropractic Examiners
Direction of
the
Board

CONSENT

1. By signing this Consent, I submit to the foregoing Consent Order as a resolution of this matter in lieu of formal charges, which process would have afforded me the right to a full evidentiary hearing. I consent and submit to the foregoing Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order as if made after a full evidentiary hearing in which I would have the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my own behalf and to all other substantive and procedural protections provided by law.
2. By signing this Consent, I waive any rights I may have had to contest the findings and determinations contained in this Consent Order.
3. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the Board to enter and enforce this Consent Order.
4. I sign this Consent Order freely and voluntarily, after having had the opportunity to consult with counsel. I fully understand the language, meaning, and effect of this Consent Order.

6/3/08
Date

Lauren McNichols
Lauren McNichols, CMT Applicant

STATE OF MARYLAND
COUNTY/CITY OF ANNE ARUNDEL:

I hereby certify that on this 3RD day of JUNE, 2008, before me, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland and County/City aforesaid, personally appeared Lauren McNichols and made an oath in due form that the foregoing Consent was her voluntary act and deed.

Branislav Jovic

Notary Public

My commission expires

