

**IN THE MATTER OF:** ) **BEFORE THE ALABAMA BOARD**  
 ) **OF MASSAGE THERAPY**  
**MEI MASSAGE AND** )  
**BING JI, OWNER** )....**CASE #MAS 209-026**

**ORDER AND NOTICE OF HEARING DATE**

COMES NOW, the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy and pursuant to Ala. Code § 41-22-19 immediately suspends the Establishment License of Mei Massage issued to Bing Ji no. 2822 for operating a sexually oriented business in a manner that endangers the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Alabama. Notice of the Emergency Suspension and Notice to the right to a public hearing on this matter is hereby provided to Mei Massage and Bing Ji, and the Board further states reasons for the Emergency Suspension as follows:

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

1. On May 3, 2018, an inspection of Mei Massage was conducted by Mike James (James), investigator for the Alabama Board of Massage Therapy (the "Board").
2. At the time of the inspection, Mei Massage was owned by James Stover.
3. On May 4, 2018, Complaint No. MAS 2018-013 was initiated by the Board as a result of Mei Massage not having a current establishment license and for employing unlicensed individuals to provide massage therapy.
4. A second inspection of Mei Massage was conducted by James on May 16, 2018.
5. On June 14, 2018, the Board issued a new Establishment License number 2822 for Mei Massage, listing Bing Ji as the owner.
6. On August 7, 2018, the Board entered into a Consent Agreement with Bing Ji as to Complaint No. MAS 2018-013. Bing Ji and Mei Massage agreed to pay a fine of \$2,500.00.
7. On January 12, 2019, Complaint No. MAS 2019-017 was initiated by the Board as a result of Mei Massage employing unlicensed individuals to provide massage therapy.

8. On February 25, 2019, a third inspection of Mei Massage was conducted by Dennis Trammell (Trammel), investigator for the Board.
9. A fourth inspection of Mei Massage was conducted on March 12, 2019 by James.
10. On April 19, 2019, the Board received a report that indicated that Mei Massage was a sexually oriented business that offered customers sexual stimulation and sexual gratification.
11. On June 24, 2019, Complaint No. MAS 2019-026 was initiated by the Board. The complaint alleges that employees of Mei Massage appear to be living in the establishment. The complaint also alleges that Mei Massage has an ad on the website BodyRubs.com, which is a website known for promoting prostitution.
12. On July 12, 2019, the Board entered into a Consent Agreement with Bing Ji as to Complaint No. MAS 2019-017. Bing Ji and Mei Massage agreed to pay a fine of \$5,000.00 and agreed to be placed on probation for one year.
13. On August 22, 2019, Keith Warren, Executive Director of the Board (Director), approved an undercover operation to determine whether Mei Massage is in violation of its probation status.
14. On October 23, 2019, the Board received additional information that indicated Mei Massage was a sexually oriented business.
15. On November 13, 2019, James, Trammell and an undercover individual C.B. conducted an undercover operation at Mei Massage. The undercover report of C. B. indicates that he was touched and fondled in a sexual manner. The massage was performed by Zhixian Zhang.
16. An inspection was also conducted on November 13, 2019 by Dennis Trammell. The inspection reports notes that Zhixian Zhang is not licensed by the Board.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Bing Ji and Mei Massage are in violation of the Consent Agreement with Bing Ji as to Complaint No. MAS 2019-017 as well as Ala. Code §§ 34-43-11(a), 34-43-11(b), 34-43-15(b)(3), 34-43-15(b)(5) and 34-43-15(b)(9) for operating a sexually oriented business, employing unlicensed therapists, engaging in unprofessional conduct, aiding and abetting in the violation of the Board's statute and providing sexual stimulation to customers.

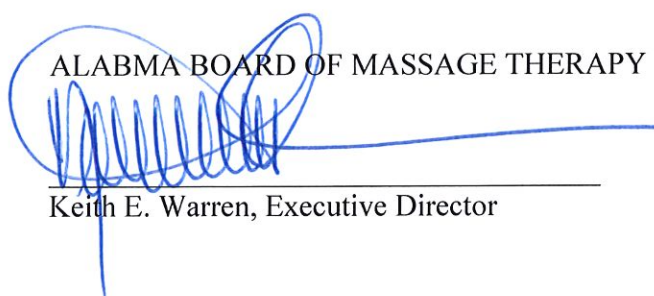
2. Ala. Code § 41-22-19 (d) provides that:

[i]f the agency finds that danger to the public health, safety or welfare requires emergency suspension of a license and states in writing its reasons for that finding, it may proceed without hearing or upon any abbreviated hearing that it finds practicable to suspend the license. The suspension shall become effective immediately, unless otherwise stated therein. The suspension may be effective for a period of not longer than 120 days and shall not be renewable. When such summary suspension is ordered, a formal suspension or revocation proceeding under subsection(c) of this section shall also be promptly instituted and acted upon.

3. Upon consideration of the current charges against Bing Ji and Mei Massage for operating a sexually oriented business that provides sexual stimulation or sexual gratification to customers as well as the fact that unlicensed individuals frequently perform massage therapy at this establishment, the Board finds that Mei Massage and Bing Ji's behavior constitute a danger to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Alabama and that an emergency suspension of this establishment license is in order. Therefore, Mei Massage's establishment license with this Board is hereby suspended, effective immediately, to and through March 20, 2020 or until the final disposition of this matter, whichever occurs first. **Further hearing in this matter is scheduled for Friday, January 10, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board's office located at 2777 Zelda Road in Montgomery, Alabama.**

Entered by the Director on behalf of the Board on this 21<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY



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