

**IN THE MATTER OF
LYNTON MCCRAE, LMT**

Respondent

License Number: M06734

**BEFORE THE
MARYLAND STATE
BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY
EXAMINERS**

Case Number: 26-17M

**ORDER FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSE TO PRACTICE MASSAGE THERAPY**

The Maryland State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners (the “Board”) hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDS** the license of **LYNTON MCCRAE, LMT** (Licensed Massage Therapist) (the “Respondent”), License Number **M06734**, to practice massage therapy 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. and 2025 Supp.), concluding that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires emergency action.

INVESTIGATIVE FINDINGS

The Board has reason to believe that the following facts are true:¹

I. BACKGROUND

1. At all times relevant hereto, the Respondent was licensed to practice massage therapy in the State of Maryland. The Respondent was initially licensed to practice massage

¹ The statements regarding the Respondent’s conduct are intended to provide the Respondent with notice of the basis of the summary 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.

therapy on June 28, 2021, under License Number M06734. The Respondent's license to practice massage therapy is active through October 31, 2026.

2. At all times relevant, the Respondent worked as a massage therapist at a practice (“the Practice”) in Waldorf, Maryland. The Respondent has worked there since March 2024.

3. On or about December 23, 2025, the Board received a complaint (“the Complaint”) from the Practice Manager (“the Manager”) alleging that the Respondent, a therapist at the Practice, sexually assaulted a client (“the Client”) during a massage on July 23, 2025. The Complaint included the “[Practice] Client Complaint Form” and “[Practice] Internal Investigation” written by the Manager. Both documents state that the Respondent intentionally touched the Client’s “private area” during the massage. The Client stated that the Respondent was “lingering” at the front desk making her feel uncomfortable and intimidated. She “froze in the moment” and therefore did not immediately report the incident to the Practice. The Client felt “shock” and “just wanted to leave.”

4. On or about July 24, 2025, the Client contacted the Practice CEO (“the CEO”) and reported the assault. The CEO terminated the Respondent immediately.

II. BOARD INVESTIGATION

5. Based upon the Complaint, the Board initiated an investigation. On or about February 4, 2026, the Board issued a subpoena duces tecum to the Practice for all employment records related to the Respondent and the appointment book/records for the period of March 1, 2025 through July 24, 2025.

6. The Practice provided the documentation via email on February 18, 2026.

Relevant records include but are not limited to the following:

- a. The sales receipt from July 23, 2025 showing that the Client paid for a 90-minute Swedish relaxation massage with the Respondent.
- b. A letter dated July 23, 2025 with the subject line, “Termination of Independent Contractor Agreement- Effective July 24, 2025,” sent to the Respondent.
- c. Appointment records showing that the Client booked massages with the Respondent on April 18, 2025, May 2, 2025, May 25, 2025, June 14, 2025, and July 3, 2025.

7. On or about March 5, 2026, the Board conducted an under-oath interview of the Manager. The Manager stated that the Client contacted the Practice on July 24, 2025 regarding the incident. The Client told the Manager that during the massage, the Respondent was “kind of whispering in her ear” and “moved her underwear...and kind of like caressed her genitals.” The Client “froze in the moment” and then walked out after the massage concluded. The Client reported that the Respondent “lingered” at the front desk as the Client checked out and she felt “intimidated.”

8. On or about March 11, 2026, the Board conducted an under-oath interview of the CEO. On or about July 24, 2025, the CEO received a message to contact the Client and he contacted her directly. The Client reported that the Respondent touched her inappropriately in her “private area.” On the same day, the CEO spoke with the Respondent at the Practice regarding the allegations. The Respondent denied the allegations.

9. On or about March 12, 2026, the Board conducted an under-oath interview

of the Client. The Client stated the following:

I usually book him for deep tissue massages, but this time, I let him know that I didn't want a deep tissue massage. I had hurt my back a couple of days before—prior, and I just had—and I had a bit of a stressful week, so I just wanted a relaxing massage. So, you know, he said, “Okay.” He started—I'm always—he always starts on my back. So I'm laying on my stomach, and he massaged my back. And then when I had to flip over onto my back, he always holds up the sheet, and, he did. And when I was on my back, he laid it across—the sheet across me, but then he moved the sheet to expose my breasts. First, I thought it was an accident, because then he put it back over me. So I just wrote it off as an accident, but then he did it again. And then he finally just removed the sheet altogether so that I'm completely exposed. I had on just my thongs. *[sic]*

So he's looking at my body, and he's rubbing all over my body, not in the massage way, but in a sensual way. And he starts sniffing me in a sick way. He's just rubbing his nose across me and slowly taking in very deep, long breaths. And he's shaking as he's doing it, which that's—at that moment, that's when I got scared, because I didn't know what was about to happen. And he's shaking as if he's trying to control himself from going further for—whatever he—whatever's going on. I don't know why. That's just what I was thinking.

And then he pulls my thongs down so that he can look at my vagina. So first he just pulled them down to look, and he put him back up *[sic]*, then he pulled him *[sic]* down to look, then he put him *[sic]* back up. And then he started fondling skin on skin. This isn't over top of the sheet. This isn't over top of my underwear. It's skin on skin. He starts fondling my clitoris and my vagina.

And then he is continuing to rub on me, but at the time, I—so it felt like he licked my stomach, but I said “He didn't lick me. That—I know he didn't just lick me.” But I firmly believe that he licked me, that was not oil. I know how oil feels. I think I was just in denial, but he licked across my stomach.

And then he comes to my ear, and he switches his tone to me, sounded like a demonic tone. And he says, “Are you relaxed?” And all I could get out was, “Yes,” because I was petrified at the moment, because I know I'm locked in the room with this man. And so I said, “Yes.” And he says, “Yeah, mission accomplished.” And then he just continues doing all of that, playing, fondling me, playing with my vagina, sniffing me. *[sic]*

10. The Client stated that during the massage, the Respondent used “hot lacrosse balls” which he utilized in previous massages with the Client. The Respondent previously allowed the lacrosse balls to cool off, but this time he put them directly on her. The Client stated that after placing the hot lacrosse balls on her, the Respondent told her she had knots in her “traps.”² She stated that she winced in pain and the Respondent replied, “I got to get it out.” The Respondent continued to rub the Client’s body and he stated, “I am fighting the urge to hold you hostage.” The Client stated that she “froze” and felt “terrified” as the Respondent assaulted her.

The Client testified:

In my body’s natural response to protect myself was just to freeze [sic]. When he said he was fighting the urge to hold me hostage, that’s when I finally could speak up and say something. And for some reason, the only thing I can get out was, “What time is it?” And as soon as I said that, he flipped back to his normal tone, normal voice, and says “Time for you to go.” And then he puts the sheet over me, lets me get dressed, and tells me he’ll be back once I get dressed, [a]nd I did. I got dressed, and I just sat there until he got back because he locks the door. And when he came back, I asked him about locking the door. And he said he does that every time, because “people used to walk into the wrong massage rooms all the time...”

11. The Client stated that she intended to report the assault to the front desk attendant, but the Respondent continued to walk back and forth, intimidating her, as she checked out.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Investigative Findings, the Board concludes as a matter

² The trapezoid is a large, diamond or trapezoid-shaped muscle spanning one’s upper back, shoulders, and neck.

of law that the public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action pursuant to State Gov't § 10-226(c)(2).

ORDER

It is this 25th day of June, 2026, by a majority of the Board considering this case:

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 massage therapy in the State of Maryland is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED**; and it is further

ORDERED that the Respondent **SHALL SURRENDER** to the Board his original massage therapist license number M06734, any wallet card and wall certificate; and it is further

ORDERED that a post-deprivation show cause hearing is scheduled for **July 22, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board's office at 4201 Patterson Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215**. If the Respondent fails to appear at the show cause hearing, the Board may proceed with the hearing in the Respondent's absence; 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. Prov. §§ 4-101 *et seq.* (2019 Repl. Vol. & 2025 Supp.).

June 25, 2026
Date

Signature on file
Sharon J. Oliver, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of
Massage Therapy Examiners