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ADMINISTRATION

BEFORE THE NEVADA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
COSMETOLOGY,

Case No. C-2024-0884

Petitioner,

vs.

MARYLAND SPA, License No. S-
709130; RONALD CARELLA,
owner/operator;

FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS
OF LAW & ORDER OF DISCIPLINE

Respondent..

WHEREAS on Monday, March 24, 2025, the administrative hearing held relative to the Complaint in the above-captioned matter dated and signed March 10, 2025, having come before Nevada State Board of Cosmetology hereinafter "the Board". The hearing was held at 8945 West Russell Road, Suite 200 Las Vegas, Nevada 89148.

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Board members present were Molly O'Bryant, Karen Moreno, Anita Douglas, William Dettrey, Sierra Wold, and Roxanne Pruitt Harris.

2. Deputy Attorney General, Matthew Feeley, was present and appeared as Counsel for the Board. Deputy Attorney General, Joseph Peter Ostunio, was present as prosecutor on behalf of Executive Director, Steven McDonald, who was also present.

3. Representatives for the Respondent, Maryland Spa or Ronald Carella, did not appear.

II. JURISDICTION

4. Respondent currently and at all times mentioned herein, holds a Cosmetology license in the State of Nevada and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and the provisions of NRS Chapter 644A.

III. FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board, having considered all the evidence presented, the testimony of witnesses, and the arguments of counsel, finds sufficient quantity and/or quality of evidence sufficient to meet the preponderance of the evidence standard of proof as set forth by NRS 622A.370, NRS 233B.121(5), and by *Nassiri v. Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada*, 130 Nev. Adv. Op. 27, at 8-9 (April 3, 2014).

The Board by adopted motion finds:

1. Maryland Spa is owned and operated by Ronald Carella. *See LVMPD Request for Action*, Exhibit 2.

2. Maryland Spa advertised itself as a cosmetological establishment that provided cosmetology services, but was not providing such services, and instead was offering massages and soliciting prostitution. *Id.*

3. Maryland Spa employed non-licensed persons to provide cosmetology services. *Id.*

4. The establishment was licensed using Jing Wang's license, license number: A-106417. Upon information and belief, Ms. Wang has never been found working in the establishment.

May 22, 2024 Incident

5. On or about May 22, 2024, an undercover police officer from Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department went to Maryland Spa. *See Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Report*, Exhibit 1; *see also* Exhibit 2.

1 6. Upon the Officer's arrival, the doors were locked so the officer rang the
2 doorbell. Subsequently, a woman, who came to be known as Jin Yue, answered the door
3 and stated that it was \$60.00 for a 30-minute massage. Ms. Yue is an employee of
4 Maryland Spa but is not a licensed cosmetologist. The employee then walked the officer
5 to a room in the back of Maryland Spa. The officer undressed and laid face down under a
6 towel. Shortly after, the employee re-entered the room, removed the towel covering the
7 officer, and then put it back on the officer. The employee then reached under the towel
8 and grabbed the officer's buttocks. She then instructed the officer to turn over. Once
9 again, the employee removed the towel covering the Officer and asked the Officer, "What
10 you want, boom boom?", thrust her hips, and pulled both her hands up and down
11 imitating sex. The employee solicited sex with the officer for \$300. *Id.*

12 7. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police then entered the establishment and placed
13 the employee into custody. While speaking with the employee, she tried to conceal a
14 condom that was on the floor nearby with her shoe. She was then arrested for soliciting
15 prostitution and was noted to have a criminal record indicating similar charges. *Id.*

16 8. Following this arrest, the officers inspected Maryland Spa. *Id.*

17 9. During the inspection, Officers discovered living quarters, monitors in the
18 massage rooms, and an ATM in the lobby. The fridge in the kitchen contained a large
19 amount of food. This indicated that employees of Maryland Spa and/or other persons were
20 eating and sleeping at the establishment. *Id.*

21 10. Subsequently, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police issued a Notice of Non-
22 Compliance for practicing massage without a massage license and for solicitation of
23 sexual activity, among other things. *Id.*

24 11. Additionally, at the time of this incident, although the aforementioned
25 license of Jing Wang was on display at the establishment, she was not personally, actively
26 and continuously engaged with the subject establishment. *Id.*

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28 May 29, 2024 Letter

12. On May 29, 2024, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police sent a letter to Mr. Carella indicating that illegal prostitution occurred at Maryland Spa. *Id.*

13. Mr. Carella responded to this letter in an email stating in pertinent part:
Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. I take these allegations very seriously and am deeply concerned about the reported illegal activity at Maryland Spa.

Upon receiving your email and the attached Advancing Prostitution letter, I immediately initiated an internal investigation into the matter. It has come to my attention that the actions described in your correspondence were the personal decisions of certain employees, of which I was unaware.

These employees have since resigned and are no longer associated with Maryland Spa.

I want to assure you that such behavior does not align with the values or policies of Maryland Spa. We prioritize providing a safe and lawful environment for both our customers and staff. To prevent any recurrence of such behavior, I have taken swift action to implement enhanced training and supervision protocols.

Furthermore, I am fully committed to cooperating with law enforcement authorities and will do everything within my power to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. *Id.*

14. Despite these reassurances and claims, Maryland Spa was later found to be soliciting prostitution on two subsequent occasions.

August 15, 2024 Incident

15. On August 15, 2024, an undercover police officer from Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department went to Maryland Spa again. *Id.*

16. The front door was locked, so the Officer rang the doorbell. There was no answer, so the Officer called the establishment's business number. He was told to return in 10 minutes. A short time later, a woman, later identified as Wang Wei, arrived at the establishment. Ms. Wei is an employee of Maryland Spa but was not licensed as a

cosmetologist. The officer again went to the front door of the establishment and rang the doorbell. At that time, the employee opened the door and let the Officer into Maryland Spa. The officer agreed to a 30-minute massage for \$60.00. The Officer was led to a room and told to undress. When the employee returned, she began massaging the Officer. A short time later, the employee agreed to provide sex to the Officer for \$300.00. *Id.*

17. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police then entered the building and took the employee into custody for soliciting prostitution and was noted to have a prior history of the same crime. *Id.*

18. A site check was conducted. After which, the Board issued the following citations:

i. Salon allowing an unlicensed individual to perform services. NRS 644A.900 - 3rd offense

ii. Practicing on the public without a Licensee-In-Charge NAC 644A.335 - 3rd offense

iii. Failing to have a dispensary sink or maintain plumbing. NAC 644A.725

iv. Failing to properly maintain walls, floors, ceilings, furnishings, equipment, and fixtures in a salon. NAC 644A.720

v. Failing to apply or maintain cosmetics and other preparations. NAC 644A.755

vi. Failing to have an acceptable exhaust system. NAC 644A.710

vii. Failing to properly maintain headrests, shampoo bowls, towels/linens, or treatment tables and use of neck strips. NAC 644A.730 (Soiled towels/linens not properly deposited after use in an appropriate bin.)

viii. Failing to properly maintain headrests, shampoo bowls, towels/linens, or treatment tables and use of neck strips. NAC 644A.730 (Towels/linens not laundered.)

See Inspection Photos, Exhibits 3-5; see also Inspection Report, Exhibit 6, Invoices, Exhibits 7-9.

1 19. Additionally, Clark County Business License ("CCBL") issued the following
2 notice of civil infractions: Issuance-Approval-Denial-No cosmetologist on duty; License
3 Required-Did offer massage without a license; and Solicitation of Sexual Activity
4 Prohibited-Did solicit customer for sex. *See Exhibit 2.*

5 20. On that same day, August 15, 2024, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police executed
6 a search warrant. *See Exhibits 1 & 2.*

7 21. Again, Police observed living quarters inside of rooms 1 and 2. *Id.*

8 22. There were also live feed monitors. *Id.*

9 23. Police found a coffee creamer container with a false bottom that contained
10 condoms inside. *Id.*

11 24. Police also found a coffee container with a false bottom that contained a
12 large amount of money. *Id.*

13 25. The employee's vehicle was also searched, wherein Police found a large
14 amount of unused condoms in the trunk of the vehicle. *Id.*

15 26. Additionally, at the time of this incident, aforementioned license of Jing
16 Wang was no longer on display. Jing Wang, the licensee in charge of Maryland Spa, was
17 no longer working with or for Respondent, was not present or overseeing the
18 establishment, and was not personally, actively and continuously engaged with
19 Respondent.
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21 **October 15, 2024 Incident**

22 27. On October 15, 2024, an undercover police officer from Las Vegas
23 Metropolitan Police Department went to Maryland Spa again. *See LVMPD October 15*
24 *Report*, Exhibit 10.

25 28. Prior to this night, LVMPD Homicide requested Respondent's help with
26 gathering surveillance, but Respondent's employees refused to open the door. *Id.*
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1 29. As such, on October 15, 2024, LVMPD Special Investigations Section (SIS)
2 planned to contact Respondent in an attempt to acquire the subject surveillance for
3 LVMPD Homicide. *Id.*

4 30. An undercover detective went to Maryland Spa and rang the doorbell. The
5 purpose of this was to gain entry into the business so SIS detectives and the Nevada State
6 Board of Cosmetology could conduct their inspection and LVMPD Homicide could inquire
7 about the video surveillance. Additionally, the police intended to inquire about
8 Respondent's website that advertised massage, for which they are not licensed. *Id.*

9 31. When the undercover officer was granted entrance into Respondent's
10 establishment, he was greeted by an employee who was scantily dressed in lingerie. The
11 employee was later identified as Yana Yuan. *Id.*

12 32. The employee asked the undercover officer if he wanted a massage. *Id.*

13 33. The officer asked the employee if she offered any other services to which the
14 employee nodded her head yes, clenched her fists, brought her arms to a 90-degree angle,
15 and thrust her pelvis in a motion that simulated sexual intercourse. *Id.*

16 34. The officer asked how much this sex act would cost, to which the employee
17 stated it would cost \$80.00 for the establishment and \$220.00 for the employee, for a total
18 of \$300.00. *Id.*

19 35. At this time, the police entered the business and detained the employee, as
20 well as another employee identified as Wei Na Wang. *Id.*

21 36. The employees stated they worked at Maryland Spa but did not know the
22 owner. *Id.*

23 37. Respondent's establishment had rooms where the employees were living.
24 The rooms contained personal items, clothes, and beds where they could sleep. *Id.*

25 38. The employees were cited for have no massage therapy license (Massage
26 License Required CCC 7.08.040) and for soliciting prostitution (Soliciting for the Purpose
27 of Prostitution NRS 201.354). *Id.*

39. The establishment was also cited for six violations of non-compliance with business licensing, including 2 violations for employing unlicensed massage therapists (License Required-Unlicensed Therapist CCC 7.08.040), no employee list (Employee Records-No Employee List CCC 6.10.080), locking the doors during business hours (Operating Required-No Locked Doors CCC 7.08.045F), operating without a licensed massage therapist (Operating w/o License Massage Therapist on Duty CCC7.08.045H) and for prostitution (Solicitation of Sexual Activity Prohibited CCC 7.07.100). *Id.*

40. Moreover, the Board cited Respondent as follows:

a. Failing to properly maintain walls, floors, ceilings, furnishings, equipment, and fixtures in a salon. NAC 644A.720 Walls not kept clean or in good repair. Holes were found in the walls, these need to be repaired. (Citation Number 3155721).

b. Failing to properly maintain headrests, shampoo bowls, towels/linens, or treatment tables and use of neck strips. NAC 644A.730 Towels/linens not stored in a closed, dust-free cabinet. Towels not properly stored, they need to be in a closed, dust free cabinet. (Citation Number 3155722).

c. Operating a salon without supervision by a licensed person. NAC 644A.505/NRS 644A.625 No Licensee-In-Charge present in salon. There were two ladies inside of the establishment, neither one of them was licensed. (Citation Number 3155687)

d. Salon allowing an unlicensed individual to perform services. NRS 644A.900 Other (Citation Number 3155734).

e. Salon allowing an unlicensed individual to perform services. NRS 644A.900 Other. (Citation Number 3155688).

f. Failing to have a dispensary sink or maintain plumbing. NAC 644A.725 Other The dispensary sink is hooked up to the washing machine and does not appear to be properly plumbed. (Citation Number 3155693). *See October 15, 2024 Citation, Exhibit*

41. The police subsequently attempted to contact Ronald Carella at (253) 228-0832 but the phone number was out of service.

IV. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board, having considered all the evidence presented, the testimony of witnesses, and the arguments of counsel, finds sufficient quantity and/or quality of evidence sufficient to meet the preponderance of the evidence standard of proof as set forth by NRS 622A.370, NRS 233B.121(5), and by *Nassiri v. Chiropractic Physicians' Board of Nevada*, 130 Nev. Adv. Op, 27, at 8-9 (April 3, 2014).

42. The Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent, Ronald Carella, of Maryland Spa.

43. The Board finds Respondent is subject to discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 644A.850(1)(a) for failure of the owner, Ronald Carella, of Maryland Spa, to comply with the requirements of NRS 644A and the applicable regulations under NAC 644A, adopted by the Board, wherein he allowed prostitution and solicitation of sexual acts at Maryland Spa.

44. The Board finds that Respondent is subject to discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 644A.850(1)(m) for allowing/engaging in prostitution and solicitation for prostitution in the subject establishment on May 22, 2024.

45. The Board finds that Respondent is subject to discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 644A.850(1)(m) for allowing/engaging in prostitution and solicitation for prostitution in the subject establishment on August 15, 2024.

46. The Board finds that Respondent is subject to discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 644A.850(1)(m) for allowing/engaging in prostitution and solicitation for prostitution in the subject establishment on October 15, 2024.

47. The Board finds that Respondent is subject to discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 644A.850(1)(o) for unfair or unjust practice, method, or dealing, which in the judgment of the Board justifies discipline, wherein Respondent allowed prostitution at the subject establishment on multiple occasions.

48. The Board finds that Respondent is subject to discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 644A.850(1)(h) for permitting a license or certificate of registration to be used where the holder thereof is not personally, actively and continuously engaged in business.

49. The Board finds that Respondent is subject to discipline before the Board pursuant to NRS 644A.850(1)(c) for obtaining practice in cosmetology or any branch thereof, for money or anything of value, by fraudulent misrepresentation wherein Respondent employed persons who were not licensed cosmetologists and were advertising cosmetology services but not actually providing them.

V. ORDER

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and good cause appearing therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Respondent, Ronald Carella, of Maryland Spa has violated NRS 644A.850(1)(a)(m)(o)(h)(c) and that discipline is warranted.

2. Respondent, Maryland Spa's salon license is revoked for ten (10) years from the date of this Order. It is further ordered that the Board will not consider for possible action reinstatement of Respondent's salon license until the following conditions have been met: (1) The Respondent filed a formal petition to the Board requesting reinstatement of its salon license; (2) The Respondent has submitted its renewal fee to operate as a cosmetology establishment for either a two (2) or four (4) year-period; (3) The Respondent issued payment to the Board in the amount of \$5,300.00 for its outstanding citation fees.

3. Respondent, Ronald Carella, of Maryland Spa is ordered to pay an administrative fine in the amount of \$2,000.00 for each violation for a total administrative fine of **Fourteen Thousand dollars and Zero cents (\$14,000.00).**

4. Respondent, Ronald Carella, of Maryland Spa is ordered to reimburse the Board for all costs incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case. The total costs incurred as of date of this Order are **Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine dollars and Fifty cents (\$8,839.50).**

5. Respondent, Ronald Carella, of Maryland Spa is ordered to reimburse the Board for all attorneys' fees incurred in the investigation and prosecution of this case. The total attorneys' fees incurred as of date of this Order are **One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Four dollars and Forty-Eight cents (\$1,884.48).**

6. All citations, fines, attorneys' fees, and board costs are to be paid within three months from the date of service of this Order. Respondent, Ronald Carella, of Maryland Spa may enter into a payment plan with the Board by contacting the Executive Director, Steven McDonald.

7. Upon receipt of credible information that Respondent, Ronald Carella, of Maryland Spa has failed to comply with any term or condition of this Order, the Board shall prepare and file such documents as are necessary to allow the Board to impose further discipline, up to and including continued revocation of its salon license.

8. Furthermore, any failure to pay any fine, fee or cost ordered herein will also result in such legal action as the Board determines it to be necessary to collect the unpaid fine, fee or cost.

DATED this 22nd day of May, 2025.

NEVADA STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is the full and true original FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER on file in the office of the Nevada State Board of Cosmetology in the matter of RONALD CARELLA, OF MARYLAND SPA, Case No. C-2024-0884. I further certify that I submitted for Certified Mail (RRR) and United States Mail, a true and correct copy of the foregoing addressed to the following:

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