

BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS  
STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of )  
 ) Case # 2015- 5012  
Theresa Dawn Leppin Hill, applicant CCA )  
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 ) FINAL DEFAULT ORDER  
 ) **DENIAL OF CERTIFICATE**  
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The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter “Board” or “OBCE”) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating, and disciplining chiropractic physicians and certified chiropractic assistants in the State of Oregon. Theresa Hill (hereafter “CCA applicant”), applied for a license as a certified chiropractic assistant in Oregon. The Board proposes to deny the certificate of the above applicant on the following basis:

Findings of Fact

1.

On October 2, 2015, the OBCE received CCA’s application for a certificate to practice as a certified chiropractic assistant in Oregon. On question five of the application where Applicant was asked if she had ever been arrested or charged with a violation, misdemeanor or felony, Applicant responded yes. Applicant’s history showed convictions for eight Class C Felonies; four counts of Rape in the Third Degree and four counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree.

2.

Applicant was indicted by Washington County District Attorney in case number C080669CR for having sex with a fourteen year old boy with developmental delay diagnosis. Applicant entered a guilty plea to all eight counts as noted in paragraph one on March 27, 2009. As a sentence for the convictions, Applicant was required to serve thirty one months in prison, restricted from contact with the victim or his family, be prohibited from contact with male children without permission of supervising officer, undergo a complete sex offender evaluation, submit to polygraph testing, be on post-prison supervision for five years, required to register as a sex offender in the state of Oregon and pay restitution of \$8936 to the victim.

3.

During the investigation, Applicant’s versions of what occurred between her and the boy did not match the witness information and the police investigation. Applicant also was not credible in her versions of what occurred between her and the police investigators. Initially, Applicant said she did not know the boy, and later admitted that her husband and the boy were friends and played video games together at her home.

On January 25, 2016, the Board issued the Proposed Notice of Denial of certificate to Applicant. In the notice, the Board notified Applicant that if she did not request a hearing within 60 days the Board would use the record herein as the record for purposes of default. Applicant was provided a Proposed Notice and has failed to request a hearing. Applicant is now in default.

#### Conclusions of Law

4.

The Board feels that Applicant's conviction history is very concerning, specifically, that she register as a sex offender. The Board was also concerned that Applicant was not truthful in her application letter of explanation, her application interview, and in follow up correspondence as there were many inconsistencies in her versions of events.

5.

The Board finds that the acts and conduct of Applicant in her application and responses to such, are cause to refuse to grant a certificate to Applicant. The arrest and conviction history as noted above, is a violation of **OAR 811-010-0110(15)(a)(b) and (t)** unprofessional or dishonorable conduct and conviction of a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude or a felony; failing to fully cooperate with the Board during an investigation. The Board also feels, pursuant to ORS 670.280(3), that the arrest history and convictions are substantially related to the fitness and ability of the Applicant to engage in the activity for which the license is required.

#### Order of the Board

6.

The OBCE orders the following:

Applicant is hereby denied a chiropractic assistant certificate.

DATED this 11 day of April 2016.

#### **BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS** State of Oregon

Original signatures are on file in OBCE office.

By:

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Cassandra C. Skinner, J.D., Executive Director  
Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners

A party is entitled to judicial review of the Final Order. Judicial review is by the Oregon Court of Appeals pursuant to the provisions of ORS 183.482. Judicial review may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Office of State Court Administrator, Supreme Court Building, Salem, Oregon 97310. ORS 183.482 requires that an appeal is requested by filing a petition in the Court of Appeals within 60 days following the date the order upon which the petition is based is served.

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Cassandra C. Skinner, certify that on April 11, 2016, I served the foregoing Final Order on Default; certificate denial upon Theresa Hill, the party hereto, by mailing, certified mail, postage prepaid, a true, exact and full copy thereof to:

Theresa Hill  
11510 NE 112<sup>th</sup> Drive Apt 183  
Vancouver WA 98662

Original signatures are on file in OBCE office.

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Cassandra C. Skinner, J.D.  
Executive Director  
Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners