

**BEFORE THE
BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of

ADAM LOPEZ, D.C.,

) Case # 2013-1040, 2013-1043

) Stipulated Final Order

The Oregon Board of Chiropractic Examiners (hereafter “Board”) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining chiropractic physicians in the State of Oregon. Adam Lopez, D.C. (hereafter “Licensee”), is currently licensed by the Board to practice as a chiropractic physician in Oregon and is subject to the jurisdiction of the OBCE.

Findings of Fact

1.

The Order of Emergency Suspension dated October 2, 2013 is hereby incorporated by reference. Licensee was suspended by an Emergency Suspension Order issued by the Board and served on Licensee on October 2, 2013. The suspension was issued because the Board received notification from the Clatsop County Sheriff’s office that on September 9, 2013 Licensee was arrested and charged with 9 counts of Sexual Abuse in the Third Degree in Clatsop County Circuit Court. Seven patients alleged inappropriate touching of a sexual nature during treatment provided by Licensee.

Based on additional women coming forward to the Sheriff’s office, on September 20, 2013, Licensee was arrested for an additional 60 counts of Sex Abuse in the Third Degree by the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Department. On September 23, 2013 in case 13 CR07235, Licensee was charged with 68 separate counts of Sexual Abuse in the Third degree, a Misdemeanor A pursuant to ORS 163.415 by the District Attorney in Clatsop County Circuit Court.

2.

On July 23, 2014, Licensee pled guilty to eight counts of harassment an A misdemeanor in the Clatsop County Case 14CR14076. As a result of that plea, Licensee received a sentence of 60 months of supervised probation, a requirement of a sexual offender evaluation and treatment if recommended, an agreement that his chiropractic license will be suspended/revoked and that he will not work as a chiropractor, and an order to pay a fine of \$5,000 per victim to be paid to each victim in 90 days along with other misdemeanor fines and assessments required.

On September 16, 2014, the Board served Licensee with the Proposed Notice for Discipline proposing Revocation of his license. On October 15, 2014, Licensee requested a hearing. A pre hearing conference was set by the Office of Administrative Hearings Offices for December 18, 2014. On November 14, 2014, in writing, Licensee formally withdrew his request for hearing and informed the Board he would accept the Boards decision without going forward with his contested case hearing.

3.

Conclusions of Law

The findings above include unprofessional conduct towards and inappropriate sexual contact with patients, or acting in a way that could reasonably be interpreted as sexual towards a patient and any touching of sexual or other intimate parts of a person causing such a person to touch the intimate parts of the licensee for the purposes of arousing or gratifying the sexual desire of either the licensee or the patient. If proven, these would be violations of ORS 684.100(1)(f), and (A) and, OAR 811-035-0015(1)(a), (b), (c) (B). In addition, conviction of eight counts of harassment involving conduct towards patients is a violation of ORS 684.100(1)(d): conviction of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. The Board finds that the acts and conduct of Licensee described above constitutes grounds for revocation of his chiropractic license and amounts to unprofessional conduct. The Board finds that the cumulative amount of Licensee's behavior warrants revocation of his license in order to adequately protect the public of the State of Oregon.

Stipulations

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Therefore, pursuant to ORS 183.415(5) and ORS 684.100(9)(e) the OBCE orders:

1. The parties have agreed to enter this Stipulated Final Order. Licensee agrees that he is aware of his right to a hearing with his attorney present to contest the charges and hereby waives that right and agrees to entry of this order. Licensee agrees to waive any right to appeal. The parties wish to settle and resolve the above matter without further proceedings.

2. Licensee agrees to immediately surrender his license to practice chiropractic in the State of Oregon. Licensee agrees not to reapply for Oregon licensure in the future.
3. Licensee agrees to abide by the terms of his criminal plea in Clatsop County case number 14CR14076 and not to practice Chiropractic in the State of Oregon.
4. If Licensee violates any of the terms of this order, the Board may discipline Licensee.
5. This order is a public document and is reportable to the National Practitioners Data Bank. This order is effective on the date signed by the Board.

IT IS SO ORDERED this 10th day of ~~November~~ December, 2014.

BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS
State of Oregon

By: _____

Cassandra C. Skinner J.D.,
Executive Director

By: _____

Adam Lopez, D.C.

Dated: Dec. 08, 2014