

**IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION
STATE OF OKLAHOMA**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, *ex rel.*)
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD)
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE)
AND SUPERVISION,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
)
LARRY SIDNEY TANNER, PT,)
LICENSE NO. PT 1807,)
)
Defendant.)

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OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL LICENSURE & SUPERVISION

Case No. 23-11-6281

VERIFIED COMPLAINT

The State of Oklahoma, *ex rel.* Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (“Board”), for its Verified Complaint against Larry Sidney Tanner (“Defendant”), alleges and states as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. The Board has jurisdiction over the subject matter and is a duly authorized agency of the State of Oklahoma empowered to license and oversee the activities of physicians and surgeons in the State of Oklahoma. 59 O.S. § 887.1, *et seq.* and Okla. Admin. Code 435:5-1-1, *et seq.*
2. Defendant holds physical therapist license No. 1807, issued 10/05/1991 by the Oklahoma Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision. The acts and/or omissions complained of herein occurred while Defendant was licensed to practice physical therapy by the State of Oklahoma and was in fact practicing physical therapy.

II. ALLEGATIONS OF UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

3. This action arises out of unprofessional conduct by Defendant as detailed herein. The Board received a complaint on October 24, 2023, from the Director of Rehabilitation Services at Defendant’s former place of employment informing Board staff that a patient had complained that Defendant had engaged in inappropriate physical contact with said patient. Complainant further provided that Defendant resigned shortly after being confronted with the allegation, despite denying the same. The Board investigator subsequently subpoenaed Defendant’s former employer’s investigation records regarding the matter and conducted interviews with knowledgeable individuals, including the patient. The Board’s investigation revealed that on or about October 6, 2023, Defendant engaged

in inappropriate physical contact of a sexual nature with a physical therapy patient during a physical therapy session. Thereafter, Defendant gave the patient his personal phone number and Google Chat ID and told the patient to contact him. Defendant then engaged the patient in communication of a sexual nature following the inappropriate interaction until the patient became significantly uncomfortable and wished to have no contact with Defendant.

III. VIOLATIONS

4. Based on the foregoing, Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct as follows:
 - a. Engaging in physical conduct with a patient that is sexual in nature, or in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:20-5-8(6).
 - b. While engaged in the care of a patient, engaging in conduct with a patient, patient family member, or significant other that is seductive or sexually demeaning/exploitive in nature, in violation of Okla. Admin. Code § 435:20-5-8(25).

V. CONCLUSION

Given the foregoing, the undersigned respectfully requests the Board conduct a hearing, and, upon proof of the allegations contained herein, impose such disciplinary action as authorized by law, up to and including suspension or revocation and any other appropriate action with respect to Defendant's professional license, including an assessment of costs and attorney's fees incurred in this action as provided by law.

Respectfully submitted,

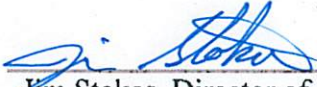


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VERIFICATION

I, Jim Stokes, under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of Oklahoma, state as follows:

1. I have read the above Complaint regarding Larry Sidney Tanner; and
2. The factual statements contained therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.



Jim Stokes, Director of Investigations
OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL
LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION

Date: 2/8/24

County, State of Execution