

WELCOME

To a Continued Meeting of the
Coeur d'Alene City Council

Held in the Library Community Room: 702 E. Front Avenue at **12:00 P.M.**

The purpose of the Agenda is to assist the Council and interested citizens in the conduct of the public meeting. Careful review of the Agenda is encouraged. There will be no Public Comments at this meeting.

November 10, 2025

1. Call to Order

2. (Action Item) Appeal of Denial of Massage Facility License for Dehong Marchtaler, Sparadise, to have been located at 408 E. Montana Avenue.

- a. Clerk to swear in witnesses
- b. Appellant's Presentation
- c. City of Coeur d'Alene Presentation
- d. Appellant's Rebuttal
- e. Council Deliberation/Decision

3. Adjournment

NOTE: The City will make reasonable accommodations for anyone attending this meeting who require special assistance for hearing, physical or other impairments. Please contact the City Clerk at (208) 769-2231 at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting date and time.

APPEAL HEARING

November 10, 2025

Before the Coeur d'Alene City Council

Massage Facility

Dehong Marchtaler, Sparadise,
408 E. Montana Avenue

STAFF PRESENTATION

Dehong Marchtaler License Denial Appeal

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Time Line:

September 8, 2025 – Dehong Marchtaler applies for a Massage Facility License in the City of Coeur d'Alene

September 8, 2025 – State of Idaho verifies that Marchtaler has a valid Idaho therapist license via endorsement from Texas

September 8, 2025 – City asks State to look into Marchtaler's California massage facility, which was not referenced in the application

September 10, 2025 – Fingerprint background check approved

September 17, 2025 – State confirms Marchtaler's California license was revoked after prostitution investigation

September 19, 2025 – City denies application

December 2025 – Idaho Massage Board will review her State license for possible revocation

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City Code:

The City Clerk may refuse to issue a Massage Facility license when:

- (1) the applicant has committed any misconduct or wrongful behavior in the management of a massage facility; OR
- (2) the applicant has committed an act which is discreditable, lewd, or dissolute, or is not of good moral character; OR
- (3) any employee of the applicant has committed any misconduct or improper or wrongful behavior relating to the giving of massages; OR
- (4) any employee of the applicant has committed an act which is discreditable to the business, or which is lewd or dissolute.

Coeur d'Alene Municipal Code § 5.28.080(B) and (C)

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City Code:

The applicant is held strictly responsible for the acts and omissions of any employee of her business, if the circumstances establish a lack of adequate supervision or control, or the acts or omissions were knowingly allowed.

Coeur d'Alene Municipal Code § 5.28.080(E)

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Denial of Application:

Marchtaler failed to disclose, to either the State of Idaho or the City of Coeur d'Alene, the revocation of her massage therapist certificate by the California Massage Therapy Council on November 17, 2016, and her business license issued by the City of Porterville, California, and the reasons therefor, which go to her character and the fitness to engage in this type of business.

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California Massage Therapy Council:

1. Marchtaler failed to properly supervise a massage provider, allowing sex acts to occur on the premises of a facility she owned, Best Massage, 52 East Mill Avenue, Porterville, California, an act punishable as a sexually related crime.
2. The City of Porterville, California, revoked Marchtaler's business license after a public hearing on October 6, 2015, based on two arrests for prostitution that had been made during the time Marchtaler owned Best Massage.
3. Porterville further found that several community members had complained about male customers entering Best Massage with alcohol after business hours, and that condoms and lubricant had been found in the facility's trash bin.
4. Marchtaler failed to notify the California Massage Therapy Council about Porterville's revocation of her business license for misconduct.

Letter to Marchtaler, August 31, 2016

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Porterville Police Dept. Crime Report:

1. In 2015, Police Detectives received information that the Best Massage facility was involved in prostitution.
2. On August 6, 2015, an undercover officer entered Best Massage.
3. The employee who served the undercover officer (Lu) was wearing a lingerie outfit and, upon being asked for "everything," she offered "full service" for \$140.
4. After being paid, Lu escorted the officer to a room and directed him to remove his clothes.
5. At the conclusion of a brief massage, Lu retrieved a condom and stripped.
6. As she began performing sexual acts, she was arrested.

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Crime Report, continued:

1. Another undercover officer entered Best Massage on September 25, 2015.
2. The employee who interacted with the undercover officer (Wong) had arrived in the U.S. from China a few months before, but did not have her passport or documents allowing her to work in the U.S. She did not know the address where she lived. She had no family in the U.S.
3. Wong offered a "hand job" for \$60 and then agreed to "full service" for \$120. She applied lubricant to her hand and reached into the officer's underwear, at which point she was arrested.
4. On October 6, 2015, police returned to Best Massage, but the doors were locked and it appeared to have closed for business.

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CDA Massage Therapy Facility License Application:

1. Application dated September 8, 2025
2. Asked for work history for past 10 years – which would be back to September 2015
3. Marchtaler owned Best Massage in Porterville, California, in September 2015
4. Marchtaler did not list Best Massage on her application, listing only a realtor business in Texas as her only work history in the last 10 years
5. Her home address on the application was in Texas, but her mailing address was stated to be 1106 N. Corbin Lane, Spokane Valley, WA, a residence owned by Honglian Li.

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Additional Information:

Marchtaler's application lists a mailing address of 1106 N. Corbin Lane, Spokane Valley, Washington.

According to the Spokane County Assessor records, that property is owned by Honglian Li.

Honglian Li is referred to in Coeur d'Alene Report for Incident 24C32969, on page 11.

In that report, it is stated that her vehicle was present at the massage facility located at 408 E. Montana "for multiple hours a day."

At the time she was going to the 408 E. Montana facility, it was determined that prostitution was occurring there as well. Pages 8, 19, 30 of Incident report 24C32969.

The 408 E. Montana facility was also frequented by Wei Li, who was connected to other massage parlors, specifically 4055 N. Government Way and 2600 E. Seltice Way in Post Falls, where illicit sexual activity was occurring.

Marchtaler's association with Honglian Li is further evidence of her lack of good moral character related to prostitution.

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Forbes - April 4, 2021

“According to a 2018 study by the nonprofit Polaris Project, the illicit massage industry in America was estimated to generate about \$2.5 billion in revenue a year. Kimberly Mehlman-Orozco, a human trafficking expert and author of the book *Hidden in Plain Sight*, puts that number considerably higher now—as much as \$4.5 billion in annual revenue (including what customers spend for a massage and sexual services), or about one-quarter of the overall \$16 billion massage services industry.

“In a typical scenario, a customer pays about \$60 for a one-hour massage and then anywhere from an additional \$50 for manual release to around \$200 for intercourse. The erotic massage economy has become ubiquitous in American culture and touches every socio-economic stratum.

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“Illicit massage businesses—which often use euphemistic terms like ‘body work’ and ‘body rubs’ to get around licensing laws—can be found in every state, from remote strip malls to bustling cities. In 2018, the Polaris Project estimated that there were at least 9,000 illicit massage parlors in America where customers can pay extra for manual relief, oral sex, or intercourse. That number is almost certainly too low by at least half: RubMaps, a review site for ‘happy ending’ massage parlors, lists more than 25,000 businesses in the United States.”

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Requested Action:

1. Staff requests that Council affirm the denial of the massage facility application of Dehong Marchtaler.
2. This is based on the fact that at least two of her former employees in California engaged in acts of prostitution and there is evidence that prostitution occurred at Best Massage more than just those two times.
3. Dehong Marchtaler owned Best Massage at the time prostitution was documented.
4. She did not tell the State of Idaho when she applied for her Idaho license that her California license had been revoked.
5. She did not list Best Massage on her application for a City license.

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The evidence demonstrates:

1. Marchtaler committed any misconduct or wrongful behavior in the management of Best Massage, a massage facility in California in 2015.
2. Marchtaler committed an act which is discreditable, lewd, or dissolute, or has shown she is not of good moral character by failing to disclose the revocation of her State license in California and her business license in Porterville, California, and failing to even disclose her massage business in California.
3. Marchtaler's employees in California at Best Massage committed acts of misconduct, and improper or wrongful behavior relating to the giving of massages, which were discreditable to the business, or which was lewd or dissolute.
4. Marchtaler is strictly liable for the acts of her employees because the frequency of the acts, and the common knowledge in the community, establish a lack of adequate supervision or control, or the acts or omissions were knowingly allowed.

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Questions?

CITY OF COEUR D'ALENE
EXHIBIT LIST
In Re Dehong Marchtaler

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City of Coeur d'Alene
Municipal Services Department
710 Mullan Avenue
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho 83814
(208) 769-2229
ksetters@cdaid.org

(Office Use Only)

Amount Paid 228.60

Date 9-8-23

**** PHOTO REQUIRED ****

MASSAGE THERAPY FACILITY LICENSE APPLICATION

New Facility License Fee \$132.30 - Renewal Fee \$66.15

Background Check Fee - \$41.50 Fingerprint Fee - \$10.00 Fire Inspection Fee - \$42

(Check, Cash, or Credit Card with fee) - Expires Annually on December 31

The facility license covers the company only. An individual massage therapist license may be obtained through the State of Idaho, Bureau of Occupational Licenses at (208) 334-3233.

Facility Name: Sparadise

Physical Address: 409 E Montana Ave Coeur D'Alene 83814

Mailing Address (if different): 1106 N Corbin Ln Spoken Valley 99014

Preferred Address for legal notices: 1106 N Corbin Ln Spoken Valley 99014

Is this a home address? Yes ☒ No ☐

Facility Phone: 409 270 3979 Email: china2judy@yahoo.com

Business Type: ☒ Sole Proprietor ☐ Partnership ☐ Corporation ☐ Other: _____

Business Contacts

Please list ALL owner(s), managers, massage therapists, and any person(s) having financial interest in the business.

Full Name: Dehong Marchtaler Title/Role: owner Date of Birth: 12/03/1973

(Select all that apply) ☒ Proprietor ☐ Manager ☐ Person in Charge ☐ Massage Therapist

Home Address: 8011 Pine Wood Ct Mailing Address: 1106 N Corbin Ln
Baytown, TX 77523 Spoken Valley, WA 99014

Phone: 409 270 3979 Email: china2judy@yahoo.com Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

List any former names or aliases (including maiden name): Dehong L:

Residential History (Past 5 Years):

Address: 8011 Pine Wood Ct. Baytown, Tx Dates: 5/2020 - present

Address: 77523 Dates: _____

Address: _____ Dates: _____

Address: _____ Dates: _____

Address: _____ Dates: _____

Work History (Past 10 Years):

Business Name: kw Elite Realty Job Title: Realtor Business Address: 700 Rollingbrook Dr. SE Nature of Business: Real estate

Baytown, Tx. 77520



Full Name: Dehong Marchtaler Title/Role: owner Date of Birth: 12/03/1973
 (Select all that apply) ☒ Proprietor ☐ Manager ☐ Person in Charge ☒ Massage Therapist
 Home Address: 8011 Pine Wood Ct. Baytown, TX 77523 Mailing Address: 1106 N Corbin Ln Spoken Valley, WA 99014
 Phone: 4092703979 Email: china1judy@yahoo.com Social Security Number: 60743 91235
 List any former names or aliases (including maiden name): Dehong Li

Residential History (Past 5 Years):

Address: 8011 Pine Wood Ct Baytown, TX 77523 Dates: 5/2020 - Present
 Address: _____ Dates: _____
 Address: _____ Dates: _____
 Address: _____ Dates: _____
 Address: _____ Dates: _____

Required Documents (Must be submitted with application)

- ☒ Copy of Idaho State Massage Therapist License for each person working in the facility
☒ Copy of Idaho State Business Registration
☒ Labeled floor plan showing all rooms (including room names, sizes, laundry room, and exits)

Have you ever been convicted of any crime or forfeited a bond to appear in court for any crime, excluding minor traffic offenses?
☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, state what crime, the date of conviction or forfeiture, and the circumstances and disposition of the case.

I certify that I am a citizen of the United States or a documented resident alien, over 18 years of age, of good reputation, the information listed on this application is complete and true to the best of my knowledge, that I will comply with Chapter 5.28, City of Coeur d'Alene Municipal Code, and that I am qualified and meet the requirements of the ordinances of the City of Coeur d'Alene and County of Kootenai, and the laws of the state of Idaho to receive a license.

Authorized Signature

Date

☐ Approved ☐ Denied

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk Signature

Date





MUNICIPAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

CITY HALL, 710 E. MULLAN
COEUR D'ALENE, IDAHO 83816-3964
208/769-2231
FAX (208)769-2388

September 19, 2025

Dehong Marchtaler
8011 Pine Wood Ct
Baytown, TX 77523

Notice of Denial for a Massage Facility License Application for 408 E Montana Avenue

Dear Ms. Marchtaler,

This letter serves as formal notice of the denial of a Massage Facility License application for a massage facility "Sparadise" to be located at 408 E Montana Avenue. The denial is issued pursuant to Coeur d'Alene Municipal Code sections 5.28.080 (B)(2) and (3). Pursuant to these sections, denial is appropriate if an owner or employee of a massage business has been guilty of wrongful behavior relating to the fitness of such person to engage in such business. Further, denial is appropriate if it is necessary to protect the public safety, morals, or welfare, or if the applicant lacks good moral character.

This decision is based on your submission of false and misleading information to the State of Idaho regarding your massage therapist license. Specifically, you failed to disclose the revocation of your massage therapist certificate by the California Massage Therapy Council on November 17, 2016, and the reasons therefore, which go to character and the fitness to engage in this type of business.

Because of this, we have deemed that you do not have the required good moral character to obtain a massage facility license and that issuing a license would harm public safety, morals, and welfare. You are not eligible to apply as a facility owner within the City of Coeur d'Alene.

5.28.080: DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MASSAGE FACILITY OR SPA LICENSE: The city clerk may refuse issuance of any massage facility or spa license, and he/she may order the suspension or revocation of such license upon his/her finding after such investigation or hearing as he/she deems necessary that:

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B. Any person owning an interest or sharing in the profits of such business, or any stockholders, or officers or directors thereof, or any persons acting as proprietor, manager or person in charge of such business:

2. Has violated any provision of this Chapter or committed any misconduct or improper, fraudulent, or wrongful behavior relating to the giving of massages or baths, the management of a Massage Facility or Spa, or the fitness of such person to engage in such business, or committed any act which is discreditable to such business or which is lewd or dissolute; or



3. *Is not of good moral character; or*

You have the right to appeal this decision. If you decide to appeal, you must notify me, the City Clerk, in writing within ten (10) days of your receipt of this letter. A hearing before the Coeur d'Alene City Council will then be scheduled.

The City Code governing the appeal process is included below for ease of reference.

5.28.090: APPEAL:

A. An applicant whose application for a license has been denied, or any person holding a license which is suspended or revoked, may file a written notice of appeal with the City Clerk within ten (10) business days following mailing of the notification of the denial, suspension, or revocation. A stay of the suspension or revocation of a license may be granted by the City Clerk, after consultation with the Chief of Police, upon a showing of good cause that continued operation of the facility during the pendency of the appeal would not harm the public safety, morals, or welfare. Any stay shall expire upon the decision of the City Council.

B. The written notice of appeal shall state the grounds for the appeal, identifying the specific objections to the decision, any abuse of discretion that occurred, or where the decision was not supported by the evidence. The appeal shall be accompanied by such evidence as the appellant deems necessary to support the appeal.

C. The City Clerk shall fix the time for a hearing before the City Council, which shall occur between fifteen (15) and forty (40) days after filing the notice of appeal. An extension of up to thirty (30) days shall be granted upon request by the appellant or the City. At least ten (10) days prior to the hearing date, written notice shall be given to the appellant of the time and place of the hearing. The hearing shall be de novo and all credible evidence bearing on the questions of whether the denial, suspension or revocation was proper may be received. The applicant shall have the burden to show that the denial, suspension, or revocation was contrary to the law or not supported by the evidence. The City Council shall consider the purpose and intent, as well as the language, of the pertinent provisions of the Code.

D. Following the hearing, the City Council may affirm or reverse the denial, suspension, or revocation of the license, and shall provide written Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law to the applicant. (Ord. 3757, 2025: Ord. 2305 §14, 1990)

Sincerely,



Renata McLeod, CMC
Director of Municipal Services\City Clerk

Cc: 1106 N Corbin Ln Spokane Valley, WA 99014



One Capitol Mall, Suite 800
 Sacramento, CA 95814
camtcreviewgeneral@camtc.org

August 31, 2016

VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

To: Dehong Marchtaler, ID #97375, Cert. #66840
 13060 Banning St.
 Victorville, CA 92392

From: California Massage Therapy Council
 Professional Standards Division

Re: Notice of Proposed Revocation

This is to inform you of the California Massage Therapy Council's ("CAMTC") proposed decision to revoke your certificate, effective November 17, 2016. You were certified on May 15, 2015. New information has recently been received by CAMTC's Professional Standards Division ("PSD") in relation to your certificate. This new information has been thoroughly reviewed and considered, and the proposed decision to revoke your certificate was made pursuant to CAMTC's Procedures for Denial of Certification or Discipline/Revocation ("Procedures" – copy enclosed).

Background:

Your proposed revocation is based on the fact that you failed to properly supervise a massage provider, you allowed sex acts to occur on the premises of a massage establishment that you own, you committed an act punishable as a sexually related crime, you had disciplinary action taken against you by the City of Porterville, you engaged in unprofessional conduct, and you failed to notify CAMTC of the disciplinary action and a business location.

- On May 26, 2015, you signed an Application for City Business License for "Best Massage," located at 52 E. Mill Street in Porterville, on which you identified yourself as owner. You submitted the application to the City of Porterville and you were issued a Business License on July 1, 2015, which expired on December 31, 2015.
- As a CAMTC certificate holder, you were required to update CAMTC with Best Massage as a business location within thirty days of starting work there, yet you failed to do so.
- Additionally, CAMTC received a declaration, signed under penalty of perjury, from Detective Enrique Lara of the Porterville Police Department, stating that a massage



provider working on the premises of a massage establishment that you own engaged in unprofessional conduct and committed acts punishable as a sexually related crime on August 6, 2015. (Copy enclosed.)

- According to Detective Lara's declaration, on August 6, 2015, he participated in an investigation of your massage establishment, "Best Massage," located at 52 East Mill Avenue in Porterville. At approximately 12:45 p.m., he entered the establishment in an undercover capacity, posing as a customer. He made contact with Xin Lu, who was wearing a lingerie outfit. He asked Ms. Lu what the rates were, and she said it was forty dollars for an hour. Detective Lara asked if this was the best massage parlor and she said she did not know. Ms. Lu asked him what he wanted, and he whispered to her, "Everything." She looked around and whispered to him, "Everything" is one hundred forty dollars for half an hour. She said he was not to bring any trouble or danger, and he assured her he would not. Detective Lara asked if he needed an appointment, and Ms. Lu said he did not and that he would be able to walk in. He told Ms. Lu he would be returning at a later time, and she agreed.
- At approximately 3:37 p.m., Detective Lara returned to the establishment. He was equipped with an electronic wire device, which was monitored by assisting officers, and a digital audio recorder. He contacted Ms. Lu in the front lobby and told her he was there for "everything." Ms. Lu confirmed it would be one hundred forty dollars, and he paid her that amount. Ms. Lu then opened the lobby door and escorted him to the first room on the left side. As he entered the room, Ms. Lu instructed him to remove his clothing before she exited the room. Detective Lara removed his shoes, pants, t-shirt, and baseball cap, and he left on his underwear and tank top. When Ms. Lu returned to the room, she told Detective Lara to remove the rest of his clothing, which he did. She then instructed him to lie facedown on the table and told him the one hundred forty dollars he paid included a ten-minute massage and "everything," and that the massage would come first.
- After Ms. Lu completed the massage, she told him to turn over onto his back, which he did. As Detective Lara lay on his back, Ms. Lu positioned herself to his left shoulder and he asked if the massage was over. She said the massage was over and asked, "You want this?" as she placed her elbows in front of her, with her fists facing her face, as she moved her arms up and down, indicating sexual intercourse. Detective Lara told Ms. Lu he already paid for that, and she confirmed that he did. Ms. Lu then removed a condom from an end table drawer and walked around the head of the massage table. Ms. Lu stopped at the right side of his body as he lay on the table, and she removed her top and exposed her bare breasts from the lingerie dress she had on. She leaned slightly over and removed her underwear from her body. As Ms. Lu stood next to Detective Lara without her underwear and with her breasts exposed, she then removed the condom from the wrapper and began to place the condom on his penis as she touched his testicles. Detective Lara then gave the bust signal while engaging Ms. Lu in conversation. Ms. Lu then stopped and attempted to arouse Detective Lara by touching his genitals. Assisting officers then arrived at the establishment.
- On October 6, 2015, the City Council of the City of Porterville (the "City") held a public hearing to consider the revocation of Best Massage's Business License. On the same date, the City issued a resolution revoking the Business License for Best Massage. The resolution stated that arrests for prostitution had occurred at the establishment on

three occasions in the past year, with the most recent two arrests occurring under your ownership of the establishment. The resolution provided that the City had not found individual local business licenses for the two individuals arrested during the period that you owned the business. The resolution further stated that the City had received several complaints from community members that male customers had entered the business with alcohol, that male customers had entered the business after business hours, that condoms and lubricant had been found in the business' trash bin, and that other individuals may be living or have lived at the business. The City Council voted unanimously to revoke the Business License for Best Massage and ordered that you shall not be eligible for a business license for at least one year, or for the longest duration of time permitted by law, whichever is longer.

- As a CAMTC certificate holder, you were required to notify CAMTC of the disciplinary action taken against you by the City, yet you failed to do so.

Findings of the PSD after reviewing the facts:

After careful review of your complete file, including but not limited to your Department of Justice record, your application for certification and attachments, the above noted declaration, documents from the City, and recent notifications, the PSD finds, by a preponderance of the evidence, that your certificate should be revoked. This is in order to protect the public safety in accordance with CAMTC's Procedures.

The PSD finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you engaged in unprofessional conduct and failed to properly supervise an individual working on the premises of a massage establishment that you own. As described above, on August 6, 2015, Ms. Lu provided a massage to Detective Lara at Best Massage, which is a massage establishment that you own. According to Detective Lara's declaration, signed under penalty of perjury, during the course of the massage Ms. Lu provided to him, she engaged in the following unprofessional conduct: she wore lingerie when she greeted him and during the course of the massage; she agreed to engage in sexual intercourse in exchange for one hundred forty dollars; she accepted one hundred forty dollars as payment for sexual intercourse; she retrieved a condom; she removed her top, exposing her bare breasts; she removed her underwear, exposing her genitals; she began to place the condom on his penis; and she touched his testicles and genitals. Ms. Lu also engaged in acts punishable as a sexually related crime by: agreeing to engage in sexual intercourse in exchange for money; and taking steps in furtherance of that agreement, including accepting one hundred forty dollars as payment for the sexual act, retrieving a condom, removing her top and underwear, attempting to place a condom on his penis, and touching his testicles and genitals.

CAMTC received certified copies of the Application for City Business License that you submitted to the City as owner of Best Massage, as well as the Business License that was ultimately issued to you for the period of July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Accordingly, the PSD finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you were the owner of Best Massage on August 6, 2015. As a CAMTC certificate holder, you are responsible for the conduct of all those working on the premises of the business that you own. (Business and Professions Code section 4607.) Based on the foregoing, the PSD finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you engaged in unprofessional conduct, in violation of

Procedures section 1.c, by failing to properly supervise an individual working for you and allowing that individual to engage in unprofessional conduct and acts punishable as a sexually related crime. The PSD also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you committed a fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt act, in violation of Procedures section 1.i., by allowing Ms. Lu to engage in the conduct described above. The PSD further finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you violated Business and Professions Code section 4607 by failing to properly supervise an individual working on the premises of a business establishment that you own, in violation of Procedures section 1.n. The PSD also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you engaged in an act punishable as a sexually related crime, in violation of Procedures section 1.j., because as the owner of the massage establishment, you allowed acts punishable as a sexually related crime to occur on the premises of a massage establishment that you own, you facilitated the activity, and you were in a position to benefit from that conduct. Furthermore, the PSD finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you violated the Massage Therapy Act or a rule or bylaw adopted by the Council, in violation of Procedures section 1.e when you violated Business and Professions Code Section 4607.

The PSD also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you had disciplinary action taken against you by the City. In accordance with Procedures section 1.i., Disciplinary action includes the revocation of a license by a local government agency that regulates massage. A certified copy of the decision is conclusive evidence of this disciplinary action. On October 6, 2015, the City held a public hearing to consider the revocation of Best Massage's Business License. On the same date, the City issued a resolution revoking the Business License for Best Massage. CAMTC received a certified copy of the resolution, which stated that arrests for prostitution had occurred at the establishment on three occasions in the past year, with the most recent two arrests occurring under your ownership of the establishment. The resolution provided that the City had not found individual local business licenses for the two individuals arrested during the period that you owned the business. The resolution further stated that the City had received several complaints from community members that male customers had entered the business with alcohol, that male customers had entered the business after business hours, that condoms and lubricant had been found in the business' trash bin, and that other individuals may be living or have lived at the business. The City Council voted unanimously to revoke the Business License for Best Massage and ordered that you shall not be eligible for a business license for at least one year, or for the longest duration of time permitted by law, whichever is longer. The PSD therefore finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you had disciplinary action taken against you by a government agency with the responsibility for regulating massage, in violation of Procedures section 1.i. The PSD further finds that you engaged in unprofessional conduct when you had disciplinary action taken against you by the City, in violation of Procedures section 1.c. The PSD also finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you committed fraudulent, dishonest, or corrupt acts that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a certificate holder, in violation of Procedures section 1.i., when you engaged in the conduct that resulted in the above noted disciplinary action. Additionally, the PSD finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you have been held liable in an administrative proceeding for engaging in acts that are substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a certificate holder, in violation of Procedures section 1.f.

Additionally, the PSD finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you failed to notify CAMTC that you had disciplinary action taken against you. You signed your CAMTC application for certification on March 12, 2015, and you marked the "Yes" box in response to the following statement:

I understand that it is my duty and responsibility as an Applicant for CAMTC Certification per CA Business and Professions Code section 4600 et seq. to fully disclose all requested information and to supplement and/or update my Application after it has been submitted and to update my information and notify CAMTC when I am a certificate holder, if and when any change in circumstances or conditions occurs which might affect CAMTC's decision concerning my eligibility for Certification. I understand that if I am charged with Penal Code section 647(b)-Prostitution, or any act punishable as a sexually related crime, or required to register as a sex offender in California or another state, I am required to immediately notify CAMTC of the fact that these charges have been filed against me, and if/when I have been convicted of these or any other offenses. Failure to supplement and/or update my Application or update my information with CAMTC when I am a certificate holder may result in disciplinary action by CAMTC against me, including but not limited to denial of my application or revocation of my Certification.

As noted above, on October 6, 2015, the City issued a resolution revoking the Business License for Best Massage and ordering that you shall not be eligible for a business license for at least one year, or for the longest duration of time permitted by law, whichever is longer. You were a certificate holder on this date. Disciplinary action taken against you constitutes a change in circumstances that affects your eligibility for certification in that CAMTC is authorized to revoke a certificate based upon disciplinary action (including the revocation of a license) taken against you by a local government agency that regulates massage. You were required to supplement or update your application for certification by notifying CAMTC of the disciplinary action taken against you by the City, yet you failed to do so. The PSD therefore finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you have committed a violation of the Massage Therapy Act or a rule or bylaw adopted by the Council, in violation of Procedures section 1.e.

Finally, the PSD finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you failed to update CAMTC with Best Massage as a business location within thirty days of starting work there. You signed your CAMTC application for certification on March 12, 2015, and you marked the "YES" box to the right of the following statement:

I understand that it is my responsibility by law to provide CAMTC with any **CHANGE OF HOME ADDRESS, any CHANGE OF PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS, any CHANGE OF BUSINESS ADDRESS, and to notify CAMTC of additional business locations where I provide massage services for compensation within 30 DAYS** of any such change or addition, and that failure to report such changes or additions in a timely manner to CAMTC may result in disciplinary action by CAMTC against me, including but not limited to revocation of my Certification.

You did not identify Best Massage as a work location on your application for certification. However, as noted above, on July 1, 2015, the City issued you a Business License as owner of Best Massage. You were a CAMTC certificate holder on this date and were required to update CAMTC with Best Massage as a business location within thirty days of starting work there, yet you failed to do so. (Business and Professions Code section 4608(d).) The PSD therefore finds by a preponderance of the evidence that you violated the Massage Therapy Act or a rule or bylaw adopted by the Council, in violation of Procedures section 1.e., and that you have failed to meet the requirements in Business and Professions Code section 4608, in violation of Procedures section 1.o.5.

Therefore, in accordance with Procedures sections 1.c., 1.e., 1.f., 1.i., 1.j., 1.l., 1.n., and 1.o.5., the PSD recommends that your certificate be revoked.

Proposed Decision:

Based on the facts and findings, the PSD recommends revocation of your certificate.

Procedure:

Pursuant to the Procedures, you have the right to be heard, either orally by telephone or in writing, at least five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed revocation. If you choose to appear at the telephonic hearing or submit a written statement, we will consider any new facts and/or arguments you present and will then determine whether the decision to revoke your certificate shall be final.

If you would like a telephonic hearing, the filing fee is \$135.00. If you would like to submit a written statement, the filing fee is \$90.00. If you cannot afford to pay the filing fee, you may request a waiver of the fee.

To request a waiver of the filing fee, please submit a completed waiver request form (which can be found on our website at <https://search.camtc.org/filingfee/waiverform>) with copies of all supporting documentation, to the address noted on the waiver request form. The completed waiver form must be received at the CAMTC office **no later than October 13, 2016** in order to be considered. If we do not receive a completed waiver request form and all supporting documentation by **October 13, 2016**, you can still request a hearing or written statement by following the deadlines below, but you will have to pay the filing fee.

Whether or not you request a waiver of the fee, please notify us in writing to the email or address shown below (email preferred) by **October 18, 2016**, as to whether you are requesting a telephonic hearing or will be submitting a written statement instead. If you have not received a waiver, your payment of the applicable filing fee must be received by CAMTC **no later than October 18, 2016**, by paying online at <https://search.camtc.org/filingfee/payment> or by mailing a check to the Sacramento address below.

camtcreviewgeneral@camtc.org

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California Massage Therapy Council
Professional Standards Division
c/o One Capitol Mall, Suite 800
Sacramento, CA 95814

If you would like a hearing on this matter, the available date is **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2016**, via teleconference at a time between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (if you select a hearing we will notify you of the exact time).

If you would like to submit a written statement instead of a hearing, or if you have documents you would like to submit for CAMTC's consideration, please submit your written statement and/or documents to CAMTC **no later than Tuesday, October 18, 2016**, and they will be considered on October 27, 2016.

**WRITTEN STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS RECEIVED BY CAMTC AFTER
OCTOBER 18, 2016, WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.**

If you do not request a telephonic hearing or submit a written statement/documents by the deadlines provided above, or if your proposed revocation is upheld after hearing, the proposed revocation of your certification will become final and effective on November 17, 2016. Revoked applicants must wait two years from the effective date of revocation before reapplying.

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DECLARATION OF ENRIQUE LARA

In relation to conduct by CAMTC certificate holder

DEHONG MARCHTALER, ID# 97375, Cert# 66840

1 I, ENRIQUE LARA, submit the following declaration and hereby declare as follows:

2 1. I have personal knowledge of each and every fact stated in this declaration and
3 if called upon as a witness, I can competently testify thereto.

4 2. I am a sworn peace officer employed by the Porterville Police Department. On
5 the date of the incident, I was a Detective. My duties included the investigation of prostitution,
6 including prostitutes who use massage as a front for their criminal activities. I have
7 participated in all aspects of these investigations and have conducted interviews of prostitutes,
8 including those using massage as a pretext.

9 3. The Porterville Police Department received several complaints about possible
10 prostitution occurring at the massage establishment known as "Best Massage Parlor," located
11 at 52 East Mill Avenue, in the City of Porterville. On August 6, 2015, I participated in an
12 investigation of the establishment. At approximately 12:45 p.m., I entered the establishment in
13 an undercover capacity, posing as a customer. I spoke with an Asian female adult (later
14 identified as Xin LU), who was wearing a lingerie outfit. I asked LU what the rates were, and
15 she said it was forty dollars for an hour. I asked LU if this was the best massage parlor, and
16 she said she did not know. She asked me what I wanted, and I whispered to her, "Everything."
17 LU looked around and whispered to me, "Everything" is one hundred forty dollars for half an
18 hour. She said I was not to bring any trouble or danger, and I assured her that I would not. I
19 asked if I needed an appointment, and she said I did not and that I would be able to walk in. I
20 then told LU I would be returning at a later time, and she agreed.

21 4. At approximately 3:37 p.m. that day, I returned to the establishment. I was
22 equipped with an electronic wire device, which Detective Calderon and Sergeant Nix
23 monitored, and a digital audio recorder. I contacted LU in the front lobby of the business, and
24 I told her I was there for "everything." LU confirmed it would be one hundred forty dollars,
25 and I paid her one hundred forty dollars. LU then opened the lobby door and escorted me to
26 the first room on the left side. As I entered the room, LU instructed me to remove my clothing
27 before she exited the room. I removed my shoes, pants, t-shirt, and baseball cap, and I left on
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1 my underwear and tank top. When LU returned to the room, she told me to remove the rest of
2 my clothing, which I did. She then instructed me to lie facedown on the table. LU said the one
3 hundred forty dollars I paid included a ten-minute massage and "everything," and that the
4 massage would come first.

5 5. After LU completed the massage, she told me to turn over onto my back, which
6 I did. As I lay on my back, LU positioned herself to my left shoulder and I asked her if the
7 massage was over. She said the massage was over, and she asked, "You want this?" as she
8 placed her elbows laterally in front of her, with her fists facing her face, as she moved her arms
9 up and down, indicating sexual intercourse. I told LU I had already paid for that, and she
10 confirmed that I did. She then removed a condom from an end table drawer to my left, and she
11 walked around the head of the massage table. LU stopped at the right side of my body as I lay
12 on the table, and she then removed her top and exposed her bare breasts from the lingerie dress
13 she had on. She leaned slightly over and removed her underwear from her body. As LU stood
14 next to me without her underwear and with her breasts exposed, she then removed the condom
15 from the wrapper and began to place the condom on my penis as she touched my testicles.
16 Based on LU placing a condom on my penis and touching my genitals, I formed the opinion
17 that the fee I paid included LU performing sexual acts, including sexual intercourse. At that
18 time, I gave the bust signal while engaging in general conversation with LU. She then stopped
19 and attempted to arouse me by touching my genitals.

20 6. I then heard a loud knocking inside the business. I immediately stopped LU and
21 asked her what the noise was, and who had arrived at the business. She said she didn't know
22 and I told her to investigate who had arrived. She placed a towel over my genitals and told me
23 to continue to lie on the table. LU opened the door and appeared to observe the set of TVs
24 connected to the business' closed circuit cameras. She then closed the door, returned to the
25 massage table, grabbed my penis underneath the towel, and asked in a nervous tone, "Are you
26 a policeman?" I assured her I was not and asked that she continue to investigate who had
27 arrived at the business. LU complied and left the room, closing the door behind her. I then put
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1 my underwear and tank top on and opened the door. I saw assisting officers in the area outside
2 the room and I notified them the crime of prostitution had been committed. LU showed
3 assisting officers where she had placed the money I paid her.

4 7. LU was identified by her California Drivers License (CDL no. E3563499). She
5 is 5'7", with black hair. She has an address of 5708 Temple City Blvd. #K, Temple City, CA
6 91780 and a phone number of (626) 731-8379. LU has a date of birth of December 7, 1969.

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8 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
9 foregoing is true and correct.

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11 Executed this 6th day of APRIL, 2016 at POTERVILLE, California

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13 By:  _____

14 ENRIQUE LARA
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PORTERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT
CRIME REPORT FORM

DATE AND TIME OF OCCURRENCE 09/24/2015 1412 hours		DATE AND TIME REPORTED ☒ SAME	
CRIME CODE(S) 647(b) PC	Prostitution	☐ F	☒ M
CRIME CODE(S)		☐ F	☐ M
CRIME CODE(S)		☐ F	☐ M

CASE NO.	15-6198
SECTOR NO.	3
UCR NO.	160000
☐ HATE CRIME ☐ DV INCIDENT (13730 PC) ☐ DWSEX INCIDENT FORM PROVIDED	

LOCATION OF OCCURRENCE: 52 East Mill Avenue, Porterville CA 93257

CODES: J= Juvenile O= Owner RO= Registered Owner RP= Reporting Person S= Suspect V=Victim W=Witness										
CODE: S	Name (Last, First, Middle) ☐ Check if victim is State of California Wong, Zi-Rong						Date of Birth 12/26/1980			
Check if:	Address (Street, City, State, Zip Code) ☒ Same as Location of Occurrence									
☐ Advised of Marsy's Law	Height 5'6"	Weight 110	Hair Blk	Eyes Bro	Race A	Sex F	DL# None	State -	SSN# None	Arrest# 15-3106
☐ Confidential Refer to 964 PC Form	Home Phone (516) 343-2032		Business Phone (559) 782-9266		Alternate Phone ()		Place of Birth China			
Clothing Description										
Tattoos / Scars / Marks / (Other Descriptive Remarks)										

CODE:	Name (Last, First, Middle) ☐ Check if victim is State of California						Date of Birth			
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Clothing Description										
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Narrative: Include all Property and Its Description CODES: S= Stolen R= Recovered D= Damaged F= Found H= Held/Evidence K= Safe Keeping

Code	Quantity	Article	Brand/Model	Serial/NO	Description/FCN	Color	Value
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Vehicle Information CODES: SV= Suspect Vehicle V= Victim Vehicle W= Witness Vehicle							
CODE	LICENSE NUMBER		STATE	REGISTRATION YEAR		VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER	
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	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	COLOR	VEHICLE REMARKS / TOWED TO	

OFFICER A. WHITE ID 187 DATE 09/24/15
APPROVED BY [Signature] ID 146 DATE 9-25-15

ROUTING: ☐ SUBJECT ☐ PATROL ☒ DA/COURT ☐ DOJ ☐ ADULT PROBATION ☐ JUV PROBATION ☐ JUV DIVERSION ☐ PAROLE ☐ CWS ☐ TRAFFIC ☐ OTHER



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Case No. 15-6198

CRIMES:

647(b) PC – Prostitution

CITY RECORDED FUNDS NOT RECOVERED:

\$20.00 Serial #IH01746598A Series 2004
\$20.00 Serial #JL15948197C Series 2009
\$20.00 Serial #EG52536291D Series 2004

SUSPECT:

Wong, Zi-Rong (12/26/80)
52 East Mill Avenue
Porterville, CA 93257

VICTIM:

State of California

NARRATIVE:

On Thursday the 25th day of September 2015, at 1400 hours, Detectives with the Porterville Police Department and the Tulare Police Department's Narcotic Investigations Unit's conducted an undercover operation at the Best Massage Parlor, located at 52 East Mill Avenue, Porterville California 93257. Porterville Police Department Detectives had received information that this massage parlor was involved in prostitution. Detective's arrived in the area of the massage parlor to conduct the undercover operation in unmarked vehicles. Porterville Detective Sergeant Nix, Porterville Detective Lara, Tulare Detective Sergeant Hinojosa, Tulare Detective Pacheco and I were dressed in distinctly marked Police attire. Tulare Detective Barrios, was dressed in plain clothes to conduct this operation and had concealed an electronic wire/recording device in his pants pocket so the operation could be monitored by assisting Detective's. Detective Barrios was also provided \$100 in City Recorded Funds (CRF).

At approximately 1412 hours, Detective Barrios was dropped off in the area of the Best Massage Parlor and responded to the business on foot. Detective Barrios arrived at the business at 1413 hours. (For further information regarding the contact with the masseuse refer to Detective Barrios' supplemental report established under this case number).

At approximately 1437 hours, Detective Barrios provided the verbal confirmation for assisting Detective's to enter the business and make the arrest. As I entered the business the chime on the front door rang. I walked to a closed door next to the front counter and attempted to open the door; however, the door was locked. Detective Lara then began ringing the small bell located on the front counter. Shortly afterward an adult Asian female later identified as Zi-Rong Wong walked up to the front counter. Wong was instructed to unlock the door.

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Wong complied and unlocked the door and was arrested for prostitution. For officer safety purposes the rest of the rooms were checked for additional subjects and none were found. While clearing the business I entered a room located on the northwest corner. After entering the room I noticed female clothing, female personal items, a single sized bed that appeared to have recently been slept in, a small electric cooktop, a microwave and a refrigerator. After observing this room it was evident to me that Wong was using this room as her primary residence. Wong implied she did not speak English; therefore, I was unable to communicate with her at the business. Prior to leaving Detective's locked and secured the business. Wong was then transported to the Porterville Police Department for processing.

It should be noted that Detective Barrios had provided Wong with \$40 in CRF during the initial contact for a ½ hour massage and another \$60 in CRF after the agreement was made for sex. Detectives were able to locate the initial \$40 but were unable to locate the \$60. It's believed Wong concealed the \$60 somewhere in the business and we were unable to locate it.

Prior to the processing of Wong a translation service was contacted via telephone by the Porterville Police Department Communication Center. My interview with Wong was translated in Chinese by this service via telephone. The interview was later recorded and copied to a CD, and submitted into Porterville Police Evidence. The following is a summary of my interview with Wong.

I first confirmed Wong's name and date of birth with the translator. I then advised Wong of her rights per the *Miranda* decision. I asked the translator to confirm Wong understood her rights and that if she did not I would explain them to her again. I was advised by translator that Wong was confused and did not know why she was arrested. I told the translator that Wong was arrested for prostitution. The translator informed me Wong did not understand the term prostitution. I then had the translator inform Wong the word prostitution meant she was offering sex or sexual gratification for money. Wong nodded her head implying she understood. I asked Wong to explain to me what had happened today at the massage parlor. I also informed Wong that the customer in the massage parlor was an undercover police officer. Wong just kept saying she did nothing wrong and wanted to go home. Wong repeated this statement several times. It was evident Wong was not going to provide a statement regarding her actions leading up to her arrest, therefore I did not ask Wong any further questions regarding the incident.

I then asked Wong several questions to insure she was not a victim of human trafficking. I asked Wong if she was a US citizen. Wong informed me she was not; however, had documents allowing her to work in the US. I then asked Wong if she had her papers with her. Wong informed me her papers were with a friend in Los Angeles. I asked Wong if she had been residing in Los Angeles since arriving in the US. Wong said yes. I asked Wong if she knew her address in Los Angeles; however, Wong did not know the address.

I then asked Wong how long she has been in the US. Wong said she arrived in the US in November of this year. I asked Wong how she arrived in the US. Wong informed me she was flown here from China. I asked Wong if she had any family in the US. Wong informed me she did not that they all lived in China. I then asked Wong how she got to Porterville from Los Angeles. Wong said she took a taxi. I asked Wong how much the taxi ride cost her.

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Wong said whatever the taxi driver asked for. I then asked Wong if she was being forced to work at the massage parlor. After the translator repeated the question to Wong the translator told me "Yes." I asked the translator the question again to confirm Wong was being forced to work. The translator asked Wong the question again. I was once again informed by the translator that Wong replied "Yes." Wong then started freely talking with translator. After Wong talked with the translator I was informed Wong said she was not being forced to work. I then concluded my interview with Wong.

I had the translator explain the agreement to appear form to Wong and that I would need her to sign it prior to being released. Wong said she understood and signed the agreement to appear. Wong was then released from the police department.

It should be noted that the translator was also extremely difficult to understand and had a hard time translating English into Chinese.

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TULARE POLICE DEPARTMENT

DET. BARRIOS/ SUPPLEMENT

PPD # 15-6198

On 9/24/2015 I responded to the City of Porterville to assist officers in an undercover capacity and entering a massage parlor suspected of offering sexual favors in exchange for money. At approximately 1415 hours, equipped with an audio device, I entered the massage parlor located at 52 E. Mill. Upon entering the business an Asian female walked up to the counter wearing a short pink dress which nearly exposed her buttocks. I asked the female, later identified as Zriong Wong, for a thirty minute massage. (S) Wong requested payment of \$40.00 up front before escorting me into a small room just west of the front counter. After entering the room (S) Wong told me in broken English to undress and walked out of the room momentarily. I disrobed down to my underwear and lay on the only massage table that was in the room.

When (S) Wong reentered the room she began to massage my back while standing near my head with her vaginal area resting against the top of my head. She then proceeded to pull my underwear past the bottom of my buttocks and started to rub both of my butt cheeks. (S) Wong then moved to my feet and made certain that her inner thigh was against the foot she wasn't massaging. After ten minutes or so of very poor quality massaging (S) Wong asked me to turn over and face up. (S) Wong rubbed my chest for a brief moment before flicking my nipples a few times and smiling. I tried several times to engage a conversation with (S) Wong but she claimed not to speak English. While she massaged my chest she made sure that my hands were resting between her thighs. When she changed positions to the opposite side of the table she would swing her leg over and straddle me momentarily before getting over to the other side.

After another five minutes or so (S) Wong looked at me and raised her right hand making a partial fist and moving it up and down several times as if she was masturbating a male's penis. (S) Wong asked me in broken English if "I liked" and "You want". I asked (S) Wong how much she would charge me and she said 60 when I tried to voice if she was charging me \$60.00 for a "hand job" she placed her hand over my mouth and shushed me. (S) Wong nodded yes and again said sixty while moving her hand up and down in the same motion. I asked (S) Wong how much she would charge me for the entire "thing" (sex) she put up a one and two with her hands signifying \$120.00. (S) Wong then grabbed my hand and placed it on her buttocks and squeezed my hand so that I could squeeze her butt.

After removing my hand from her butt I agreed that I would pay her \$60.00 and got up from the table. I reached into my pants and while removing the money from one of the pockets I said the code phrase signaling for officers outside to enter the business.

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I handed (S) Wong the \$60.00 and lay back on the table. She walked over to a small stand at the corner of the room and poured some type of lubricant in her left hand and held a paper towel in the other. (S) Wong walked back to the table and reached into my underwear with her left hand. Before she was able to reach my penis Porterville Police Officers entered the business at which time (S) Wong left the room and was apprehended.

It was later found that the audio recorder was not functioning.

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G. Barrios #65

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. P. [unclear]', is written over the bottom right portion of the disclaimer text.

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SUSPECT:

Wong, Zi-Rong (12/26/80)
52 East Mill Avenue
Porterville, CA 93257

VICTIM:

State of California

NARRATIVE:

On Tuesday the 6th day of October 2015, at 1310 hours, Detective E. Lara and I responded to the Best Massage Parlor, located at 52 East Mill Avenue, Porterville California 93257, in an attempt to identify the business owner. After arriving at the massage parlor we discovered the doors were locked and it appeared to be closed for business.

On Tuesday the 27th day of October 2015, I contacted the City of Porterville Finance Department regarding the business owner. I was provided with name and contact telephone number. According to the finance department the owner of this massage parlor is a Li Jiang. I was informed this massage parlors business license has been revoked.

Nothing further.

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CRIMES:

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SUSPECT:

Wong, Zi-Rong (DOB: 12/26/80)

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VICTIM:

State of California

NARRATIVE:

On Tuesday the 26th day of July 2016, I was advised the CD containing Wong's statement was unable to be located in evidence, it is unknown if the CD was inadvertently submitted under a different case number. I was able to locate the audio recording regarding Wong's statement on my handheld recorder. I copied the audio to a CD and submitted into Porterville Police Evidence.

Nothing further.

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Coeur d'Alene Police Department

Report for Incident 24C32969

Nature: SEX OFFENSE
Location: 83

Address: 4055 N GOVERNMENT WAY
COEUR D'ALENE ID 83815

Offense Codes: SOTH

Statute Codes:

Received By: D.TROUT

How Received: O

Agency: CDA

Responding Officers: K.NEWBILL

Responsible Officer: K.NEWBILL

Disposition: ECP 02/26/25

When Reported: 16:01:48 08/14/24

Occurred Between: 16:01:24 08/14/24 and 16:01:24 08/14/24

Assigned To: K.NEWBILL
Status: CP

Detail: SEX
Status Date: 02/26/25

Date Assigned: 01/30/25
Due Date: 08/14/30

Complainant:

Last:

First:

Mid:

DOB: **/**/**

Dr Lic:

Address:

Race:

Sex:

Phone:

City: ,

Offense Codes

Reported: SOTH SEX OFFENSE, OTHER

Observed: SOTH SEX OFFENSE, OTHER

Additional Offense: SOTH SEX OFFENSE, OTHER

Additional Statutes:

Circumstances

Responding Officers:

K.NEWBILL

Unit :

K99

Responsible Officer: K.NEWBILL

Received By: D.TROUT

How Received: O Officer Report

When Reported: 16:01:48 08/14/24

Judicial Status:

Misc Entry:

Agency: CDA

Last Radio Log: **:**:** **/**/**

Clearance: 6 REPORT TAKEN

Disposition: ECP Date: 02/26/25

Occurred between: 16:01:24 08/14/24

and: 16:01:24 08/14/24

Modus Operandi:

Description :

Method :

Involvements



Date	Type	Description	Relationship
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Narrative

DETECTIVE: K. NEWBILL

SUSPECT(S) or DESCRIPTION(S):

Possible Charges:

Yan Liu DOB: 02/21/68

Massage Facilities and Spas Violation, 5.28.220

Wei Liu DOB 06/21/70

Massage Facilities and Spas Violation, 5.28.220

Xuerong Li DOB: 6/18/69

Massage Facilities and Spas Violation, 5.28.220

Honglian Li DOB 6/17/79

Massage Facilities and Spas Violation, 5.28.220

CASE SUMMARY:

Starting in May of 2024 I started an investigation into multiple tips of massage parlors offering sexual favors in the course of their business. Ultimately it is believed prostitution is occurring inside the massage parlors. Lavender Body works is also operating without a license. There are no specific names for the females committing the prostitution at this point.

NARRATIVE:

In May 2024 the Coeur d'Alene Police Department began investigating illegal activity at massage parlors within the City of Coeur d'Alene. The investigation targets businesses which are believed to be offering prostitution services or violating City ordinances under the guise of being a massage parlor. The existence of these types of illicit massage businesses (IMB's) is common knowledge among investigators and is also widely referenced in pop culture and media reports. The most common terms used for these types of massages are "happy ending (HE)" massages or "rub and tugs". These fronts for prostitution have several common features that are frequently, but not always, present. I am aware of these features through my training experience. This is to include training from Spokane County child exploitation and human trafficking unit.

The businesses are frequently referred by sex buyers as "Asian Massage Parlors" or AMPs and are staffed almost exclusively by Asian females. The women are often brought in from out of the country from East Asia and Korea and routed through various states on a visitor's visa, (typically Monterey Park, California, and Flushing, New York) and are moved frequently between different businesses and different states. They are usually provided with state identification cards by states that do not require verification of identity and are provided with online massage or reflexology certifications. Often times their passports, visas, or even their ID cards once issued are withheld so they can be exploited via sex trafficking and/or labor trafficking. All of this creates a debt bondage to their traffickers.

There is often one or two local women who are licensed to perform massage working at the business. The additional women are then rotated through, offering

customers fresh options. The businesses will often advertise "new girls" at the business to attract customers.

IMB's typically have signage, sometimes only displaying a neon sign reading "massage" instead of an actual business name. the most common location for these businesses is strip malls. The fronts of the shop are almost always obscured with curtains or other opaque materials and objects so the lobby is not visible from the outside. If there are advertisements outside the business (such as portable A-board signs, banners or flags", they almost never contain the name or massage license number of the practitioner.

The customers for IMB's are almost exclusively male. The shops do not accept insurance as is common in many legitimate massage businesses and are often cash only. Customers do not fill out paperwork or receive any sort of receipt (unless paying by credit card) as is common in legitimate businesses, nor are they required to complete a medical history, patient chart, or identify the issue requiring the massage.

IMB's are typically operated by a female, who is known as the "mamasan." This woman often also participates in prostitution activity in addition to employing other prostitutes. The businesses charge a "house fee," which is paid to the "mamasan" upon entry into the shop. The typical house fee in this area is \$70 for an hour, and \$50 for a half hour. Additional "tips" are typically given during or after the "massage" services to pay for the additional sexual services.

The services can include, but are not limited to, manual manipulation of the genitals "hand job/happy ending), oral sex, anal sex, and vaginal sex. These services are often referred to by sex buyers with initials, such as: bbbj, cbj, bbfs, cfs, hj, daty, ftp, pm, and others which reference bare back blow job, covered blow job, bare back full service, covered full service, hand job, dining at the y(cunnilingus), finger in pussy, and prostate massage.

Customers of these businesses often leave reviews on Online message boards. One of the most well-known of these boards is RubMaps.com. Users leave reviews on the site detailing the prices and services offered at the various businesses. I have read reviews of massage parlors to determine if the reviews appear to be consistent or possibly fabricated. I have seen that the reviews of any particular business tend to be consistent between various users.

The businesses selected for this investigation are identified through a variety of means. All of the businesses targeted in this investigation have storefronts which match the description written above. Online search of the businesses provides further clues as to which are likely to be engaged in illegal activity. A few of the locations also previously ran ads on Skipthegames.com and have forum reviews on USA Sexguide.nl.

The businesses usually have no website or a website with little information and no staff roster or massage license numbers listed.

In this particular add for 210 spruce it was located on Skip the games, which is a website known for selling sexual favors. The advertisement uses females in minimal clothing, that reveals various levels of bare skin. Legitimate massage business do not advertise in this manner.

Another website used to give reviews on sexual services provided at massage parlors is usasexguide.nl. On this particular web site users comment on their various experience at massage parlors.

Throughout the years of working for CDAPD I have observed multiple calls for service in which males call in saying they were offered or provided illicit sexual services at various massage parlors. That they almost always occurred at Asian themed massage parlors.

The investigation Unit at the PD completed a couple investigation over the years. Through the course of their investigations, they were able to locate multiple customers that stated sexual favors were offered. Case Numbers: 18C35469, 21C51845, 22C24724, and 21C47947. Yan Liu, Wei Liu, and Shuangyan Tang were the mentioned regarding those cases.

Yan Liu's massage license was eventually pulled Oriental Acupressure Center at 408 # Montana Ave lost its business license.

Recently we have received a couple of tips and reports about suspicious activity and illicit services being provided. The following are the various calls for service and tips:

1034 N 3rd St:

24C13158: CASE SUMMARY: Jonathan A Sater went to Asian Reflexology for a full body 90-minute massage. Houping Zhou was his masseuse. During the massage he was asked to flip over and Houping grabbed his penis with both hands and started to rub his penis in an up and down motion until he ejaculated. He told her he did not want that and refused to give her a bigger tip than \$20.00. He would like to pursue charges for sexual battery.

210 Spruce:

24C17862: This massage therapist (sunny) didn't have a massage license to give me a massage, which hurt me. During the process, she kept touching my private parts and then provided me with sexual services.

411 W. Haycraft

24C29760: On 07/21/24, David Searls reported he went to the listed location for a walk in massage. During the massage, an unknown female offered him a "handjob" during the massage. David refused and left after the session was complete.

4055 Government Way

24C28393: Officers pulled over a vehicle with Asian occupants in it that they saw leaving the location. The officer noted "The female who was later identified by a California identification as Shuyu Wei, was wearing a nude colored, spandex two piece bra/shirt and shorts. The clothing was form fitting and did not appear to coincide with a massage business. During this contact when the occupants were given a chance to call their "boss" they called a female identified as Yan Liu at phone number 985-805-0945.

I began looking into the 5 Asian massage parlors in the city of CDA. They are identified as follows:

Lavender Body Works

4055 N Government Way #8

Maoqiang Ju

Avista phone numbers attached: 208-981-1475 and 985-805-0945

Chinese Body Works

210 E Spruce Ave

Guilan Xu

Avista Subscriber: Guilan Xu
Avista phone number 262-241-7773

Asian Reflexology / Little Lock International LLC
1034 N 3rd St
Anqin Du
Avista Subscriber: Guilan Xu and Yan Liu
Avista Phone numbers: 208-981-1475 and 985-805-0945

Oriental Body Works
408 E Montana Ave
John Sanchez
Avista Subscriber: Li Xeurong
Avista phone number 509-263-3879

H&P Magic Hands, LLC
411 Haycraft Avenue. St. B2
Hui Hsung Lee
Avista Subscriber: Lee Huihsiung
Avista phone number: 509-808-4259

I observed in the above information that a few of the business appeared to be linked to each other by various means. Guilan Xu applied for the business license at 210 Spruce and is listed as the Avista subscriber at 1034 N 3rd St, along with Yan Liu. The phone numbers attached to the Avista subscribers for Asian Reflexology match the phone numbers for 4055 N. Government way. With this information I believe the businesses were all being run by the same group. When I further checked the phone numbers through Spillman, I observed the phone number 985-805-0945 was the inhouse phone number for Yan Liu. The phone number 208-981-1475 was the inhouse phone number for Li Xuerong who is also the avista subscriber for 408 E Montana address.

With information that 210 Spruce had advertised on Skipthegames previously and multiple calls of people stating Illicit services have been offered as well as the connections between the business, the Detective Unit decided to make traffic stops on patrons of the massage parlors to see if any of the information could be substantiated.

On 8/9/24 Det. Cannon and I parked in the shopping complex at 4055 N Government. Way. We observed 2 males at the front of the massage parlor. One was holding the door for the other. We watched the males go back to their vehicles. We decided to follow the male that left in a gray 2020 Kia Telluride. The vehicle turned southbound onto Government Way. We followed the vehicle down Government. The vehicle turned onto W Neider and immediately made a wide turn into the left lane. The male then turned southbound on Hwy 95 and again made a wide turn into the right lane. Det. Cannon initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle. Det. Cannon completed the traffic stop while I spoke to the driver later identified as Jon D. Ness.

I informed Jon that we were doing investigation on the massage parlor he just left. Jon stated he never went into the massage parlor. He stated he was walking by and he was going to go in, but decided against it. I informed him he obviously knew what went on in the massage parlor because he immediately wanted it known that he did not go in. He stated the reason he did not go in is because there was another man sitting there waiting. I confirmed with him that he did walk inside and saw the male before he left.

Jon said that he was working out at Peak fitness doing squats and his legs were soar. He went to the address to get a massage. He walked in saw the male waiting and left. Jon stated he had gone into the massage parlor one previous time. I asked him if he was offered any sexual favors when he was in previously. He stated he had been offered but did not accept it. Jon then stated that when you first get the massage you go in, get undressed, and put a sheet over you. You get a massage on your back. When you flip over, she looks at your body, then points at your penis and asks you if you want "some". Jon said he was a married man so he said no. Jon stated the last time he went in was approximately 3 weeks ago. He clarified that when she pointed at his penis she said "okay?". Which was her way of offering due to the fact she did not speak good English. He paid 70 dollars for the hour massage that only lasted 50 minutes. He tipped 30 dollars. When Jon had walked in, he saw one female and she asked if he wanted a massage. She asked for how long and he stated an hour. She told him that would be \$70 dollars. The female had a Black short sleeved shirt with shorts that covered her thighs. He believed she was in her early 40s.

Jon offered to help and be part of a sting operation which I told him was not needed. He also informed me that he frequents the massage parlor at 408 E. Montana. He stated there is a male masseuse that does a Thai massage for his wife. He stated his son goes to 408 Montana as well. I confronted Jon on the fact that many people lie to me due to the nature of this investigation. I also informed him that his readiness to distance himself from the massage parlor made me feel that he was lying about some detail of what he stated. He did not understand why and I explained that he continued to state he did not go into the massage parlor to distance himself from it, when there was nothing inherently wrong with going into a massage parlor unless the massage parlor operates in seedy practices. I also found it strange that Jon was offered sexual favor's 3 weeks earlier and decided to go back to the same establishment. Jon stated the reason as, the Asian massage parlors are quick because they don't have you make an appoint.

Jon stated they never asked for his name or put down any information in a ledger which is a requirement by law.

On 08/14/2024 at approximately 1510 hours, Det. Cannon and I responded to the address of 723 N Government Way. Det. Welch had followed a vehicle that left the massage parlor back to this address. Upon knocking I ultimately spoke with Ronald L Saterfiel. I informed Ronald that I was doing an investigation of the massage parlor he left. Ronald had a downtrodden face and simply said "yea". Ronald initially stated that they offered him a hand job but he refused. He stated she put her hand on his penis and asked if he wanted more. I explained to Ronald that there could be an element of Human Trafficking going on in the business and asked him again if she gave him a hand job. Ronald then stated she did try. She rubbed his penis for 10 minutes. She stood beside him and lifted up her shirt and bra to allow him to rub her nipples and breast.

Due to Ronald's age, he was unable to get an erection. He told her he didn't think it was going to work. She then said okay get dressed. Ronald stated the female was in her 30s and her name was Lucy. Lucy was the first person he saw in the massage parlor. Ronald walked in and gave her \$70 for the massage. After she massaged his back for approximately 45 minutes Ronald flipped over. When he flipped over there was no towel covering his penis. Lucy then rubbed his chest for a time and worked her way down to his penis. She then grabbed his penis and asked if he wanted more. He said yes and she told him it would be \$60 for the sexual favor. He stated they never got his name and he paid in cash. Ronald

stated she was wearing a pair of shorts and a top with no sleeves and longer shorts.

Other detectives were able to interview customers of various massage parlors that appear to be run by the same group.

210 Spruce: Lt. McCormick pulled over a vehicle that left 210 Spruce Massage parlor. The driver was identified as Robert Drue Fitzgerald. The male stated the female Masseuse made a hand gesture at the end of the massage, which he interpreted as an offer for a hand job. Robert stated that he declined the offer.

408 Montana:

Det Haley pulled over Alfred John Reginato. Alfred stated he had gone to the establishment to get a massage and learned it was a "Happy Ending Joint". He stated there were two females. The female with shoulder length hair did his massage. The female was not in the room when he undressed. He started with a back massage and when he flipped over the female immediately tried to touch his penis. He told her he did not want that. He was in the business for 30-40 minutes.

There were also multiple cases of patrons going into the massage parlor and not receiving any sexual favors or being offered.

I had previously gone to speak to the neighbor of Yan Liu residences at 6906 Courcelles Pkwy. The male was identified as Kevin Shriver. He stated he sees a white SUV with "performance" written on the side show up to the house occasionally and a female leave the garage every once in a while. Det. Cannon and I responded to the Post Falls Address to see if we could see any of the vehicles he claimed come to the residence. We learned from Post Falls PD that their massage parlor is connected to Yan Liu as well. Upon arriving on scene, we observed a White 2022 BMW X3 in the parking lot with Washington plate G88888. The RO of the vehicle Si Guanting Liu and Wei Liu, Yan Liu's husband.

Later in the day Detective Brazle then observed that vehicle go to 408 Montana and remove a bag from the establishment and put it in the back of his vehicle. The male then went to 4055 Government way and parked near the massage parlor. He then went to the back alley and we did not see where he went. This is more evidence that the same group is involved in running these massage parlors. On Friday 8/6/24 I observed the vehicle parked in the alley of 4055 Government Way, behind the massage parlor.

With the above listed information, I believe the massage parlors are actively participating in illicit activity, to include prostitution, money laundering (due to paying in cash and not keeping getting name information from patrons as is required by code), and possibly human trafficking.

Yan and Wei Lui involvement is as follows. We believe the two are married due to spillman information and same last name. We later learned this was not true. Yan Liu's in house address is 6906 N Courcelles in Coeur d'Alene. We believe both Yan Liu and Wei Liu both live at 6906 N Courcelles in Coeur d'Alene. Wei Liu has been photographed at the location with his white BMW (Washington plates G88888). Wei Liu has also been observed by Detectives at 408 E Montana, 4055 N Government Way and at 2600 E Seltice Way (Asia 1 Massage in Post Falls). Yan Liu is connected to the massage parlors in the following manor. She owns the properties at 408 E Montana Ave and the residence at 6906 N Courcelles Pkwy in Coeur d'Alene. She is listed as the Avista subscriber for the 1034 N 3rd St address, which matches the phone numbers for the Avista at 4055 N Government way address

(985-805-0945). The phone number 985-805-0945 is the inhouse number for Yan Liu and the phone number the females called referring to her as their "boss" during the police contact described in 24C28393. Yan Liu and Wei Liu were present during the previous investigations as well.

Yan Liu owns the LLC 'Little Lock International Enterprise' that uses the addresses at 1034 N 3rd St and 6906 N Courcelles in Coeur d'Alene. Yan Liu is listed as the individual doing business as 'Asia 1 Massage' at 2600 E Seltice, #B in Post Falls. Yan Liu and Wei Liu are connected in further business connections through LLCs with massage parlors and listed addresses in Pocatello, Meridian and Boise as well.

Based on my training of IMB's I believe a tracker would gather evidence to help understand the patterns of behavior used to move money and women to the various locations.

I completed a warrant and presented to Honorable Judge Stow on 08/21/24. Judge Stow signed the warrant and allowed for 30 days of surveillance.

Since the tracker was put on the car we learned new information linking the massage parlors together as well as showing that another massage parlor is more than likely involved. Throughout the course of the tracker, the vehicle's routes had some consistent behavior. This consistent behavior commonly involved leaving from a residential location in Spokane Valley located on S Clinton Rd, just north of E Belle Terre Ave. Between 0900 and 1000 hours. The next common behavior showed the vehicle going to Post Falls and head to the massage parlor at 2600 E Seltice Way. The vehicle was also commonly seen then going to Coeur d'Alene and travel to the massage parlors at 408 E Montana and Government way. This route was very consistent but did deviated from it a few times. The vehicle would be parked at the locations for differing amount of times, but would consistently visit the area of all three locations before heading back to Washington. There were also incidents in which the vehicle would stay parked near 6906 N Courcelles address overnight and resume moving from that location.

We learned from Special Agent Edward Jacobson, with the FBI, that Yan Liu had left the USA to go to China and believe she has not yet left. I contacted Detective Klitch with the Idaho State Police and informed him of the massage parlor on Seltice Way. He informed me that they would be joining the investigation and completing traffic stops at the location. During their investigation they learned the following information in summary:

Detective Klitch informed me that during their surveillance operation in Post Falls, they have received multiple admissions (of receiving sexual contact) from men leaving the massage parlor in Post Falls. The males admitted to paying for hand-jobs at the parlor.

With this further knowledge, I believe extending the warrant will continue to allow us to gather further evidence of the criminal patterns this organization is using to operate.

I presented the warrant to Judge Caldwell on 09/20/24 along with the return of the previous warrant. Judge Caldwell signed the new warrant and allowed for 30 more days of surveillance. The first warrant was left with the court clerk office.

On 10/3/24 ISP and CDAPD performed a joint operation to sit at massage parlors and contact people leaving the business. The locations were covered my various units. See supplements for full details breaking down what was learned.

Detective Cannon and I stayed at the 3rd St address. We observed approximately 6 men enter the business at various times throughout the day. I contacted one male at approximately 1600 hours. The male stated that he has gone to the location multiple times and has never been offered any services. He stated he had a punch card and was close to getting his 50% off deal. He decided he did not want to provide me his name due to the topic of the investigation and stated he would not be returning to the establishment.

Around 1930 hours I observed a male exit the back of the business and walk to his truck. I stepped out of my vehicle and asked the male if he was willing to speak with me. He stated he was not and hurried to his vehicle. I followed the vehicle. The male was later identified as Robert J. Orians. Robert. Robert drove into the large condo building at government and northwest. The facility has a garage that residence are able to open.

I used the inhouse information to acquire a phone number from Robert. I called him and it went to voicemail. I left a voicemail asking him to talk to me. I called him 2 more times and both calls were blocked and did not allow me to leave a voicemail. On 10/3/24 I contacted Robert who started the conversation asking me if I had anything better to do. He asked why CDA even has establishment like that open. With these comments it was evident that Robert was aware of why I was calling him. Robert stated that he went into the business from the back door because he saw it had two entrances. He stated he got an hour massage for \$80 and tipped \$20. He stated he has never been offered sexual favors. He stated the female providing the massages name was Linda.

10/18/24

I removed the tracking device from the vehicle.

Since the previous Warrants were signed we have learned new information regarding this suspected criminal organization. The tracker information gathered showed similar to the first month in which Wei's vehicle would stop at multiple massage parlors listed above for various amounts of time. It also showed him going to the Courcelles address and various banks. Wei was also observed driving the vehicle multiple times.

We also learned a new massage parlor opened at the 5624 N Government Wy #3. Wei is observed traveling to this location. Detective Klitch informed me of the following information:

Between September 3rd, 2024, and November 19th, 2024, Idaho State Police Detectives and United States Postal Inspectors conducted multiple surveillance operations on Asia 1 Massage, 2600 East Seltice Way, Post Falls, Kootenai County, Idaho and Wei LIU (DOB: 06/21/1970). Wei LIU is the suspected manager and operator of Asia 1 Massage and Oriental Body Works. Wei LIU has been observed on several occasions driving a white BMW X3 (Washington Plates: G88888). Wei LIU has been observed departing Asia 1 Massage to a financial institution.

Between September 3rd and November 19th, Wei LIU and his BMW have been observed at Asia 1 Massage and Oriental Body Works (Coeur d'Alene). Wei LIU has been observed leaving his residence and travelling to Asia 1 Massage and Oriental Body Works in the BMW.

Between September 3rd and November 19th, Idaho State Police Detective Justin Klitch interviewed several customers who departed Asia 1 Massage, many of which

admitted to receiving massages and sexual favors ("Hand Jobs"), which they paid cash for.

Between September 3rd and November 19th, Wei Liu has been observed transporting suspected female masseuses from Asia 1 Massage and Oriental Body Works to financial institutions, other massage parlors, and retail stores.

We also have observed multiple other vehicles that appear to be involved in this organization. The vehicles and their involvement are as follows:

White Lexus A7885975: Belonging to Xeurong Li who is the name listed as the payee of the Avista bills for 408 E Montana. Her vehicle has been observed parked outside of 408 E Montana Ave for multiple hours a day.

Maroon Rav 4 CPG4858: belonging to Honglain Li: I observed a female of Asian descent exit the vehicle and enter the massage parlor. The vehicle is there for multiple hours a day. On 11/13/24 I observed this vehicle park outside the business on the street. The Asian female entered the massage parlor and stayed for multiple hours.

With both vehicles located at the business for extended period of times during business hours, I believed they are employed in some capacity with this organization.

On 12/12/24 Honorable Judge Combo signed 3 warrants for the above listed vehicles: Rav 4, Lexus, and the BMW.

On 12/13/24 I was able to place ISP's vehicle trackers ID# 769855 on the BMW belonging to Wei. I placed ISP's vehicle tracer ID# 126320 On the white Lexus belonging to Xeurong Li. I was unable to place the tracker on the Rav 4 belonging to Honglain Li until the following week on 12/17/24.

I removed the tracker on the BMW on 1/9/25

On 1/17/25 I removed the trackers from both the Lexus and Rav 4. I completed the warrant return paperwork. On 1/23/25 I responded to the court house where Honorable Judge Payne signed the warrant return. I left all warrant paperwork with the court clerk office.

On 12/19/24 I was informed by Kelley Setters that Lavender Body works at 4055 N Government Way #8 was applying to renew their license. When filling out the Business/Organization Details it listed Yan Liu as the Owner. As stated previously Yan Liu had her license revoked and is prohibited to run in any capacity the massage parlors in Coeur d'Alene per city code. Lavender Body works was denied their renewal on 1/6/25. Ofc. Sychla was able to go into Lavender Body work and make an appointment on 1/21/25 which shows that they are still operating without a license.

At this point in the investigation, we can link Yan Liu and her brother Wei Liu to 4 massage parlors in the area. Based off admission of sexual favors being offered inside the various establishments, as well as the history of this occurring over the last 4 years I believe Yan and Wei are aware of the prostitution that is occurring and profiting from it. Lavender Body works shows the propensity to commit crime, due to operating without a license.

CASE EVIDENCE:

☐ BODY CAM ☐ IN-CAR VIDEO ☐ PHOTOS ☐ AUDIO

☐ UPLOADED TO VIPER

☐ UPLOAD TO VIPER LATER

Note - Videos associated with this incident contain protected personal information.

Supplement

Officer: B. MCCORMICK

DATE: August 14, 2024

INCIDENT#: 24C32969

INCIDENT TYPE: Traffic Stop / Suspicious Activity / Massage Parlor Investigation

LOCATION: 210 Spruce Ave., CDA, ID (Chinese Body Works)

SUPP BY: Lieutenant B. McCormick K6

MEDIA: BWC Footage Uploaded into Viper

Summary of Incident:

On August 14, 2024, at approximately 11:53 PM, I, Lieutenant B. McCormick, was conducting surveillance in the area near 210 Spruce Ave. The location is a business named "Chinese Bodyworks," known to be a massage parlor. This establishment has been under suspicion for allegedly offering sexual favors to clients at the conclusion of massage services in exchange for additional payment.

While on surveillance, I observed a black GMC pickup truck parked in front of the business. I ran the vehicle's license plate and noted that the truck remained parked at the location for over 45 minutes. At approximately 12:38 PM, a male individual later identified as **Robert Drue Fitzgerald, by his Idaho DL** exited the business and entered the black GMC pickup.

As the vehicle pulled away from the curb, I observed that the driver did not use his turn signal while entering the roadway. I initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle on Fourth Street, just north of Spruce Avenue, for the traffic violation.

Details of the Traffic Stop:

During the traffic stop, I approached the driver's side of the vehicle and made contact with the driver, **Robert Drue Fitzgerald**. I informed him that the reason for the stop was his failure to use a turn signal when pulling away from the curb.

I then asked Robert if he would be willing to discuss his visit to the business at 210 Spruce Ave. Robert stated that he had visited the establishment for a massage on his leg, which he had previously undergone surgery on. He claimed that this was his first visit to the business. Initially, Robert denied that anything other than the massage was offered to him at the conclusion of the session.

After running a check on Robert's license and registration, which returned as current and clear, I continued the conversation with him. I requested that he step out of the vehicle to further discuss the situation, which he complied with.

During this conversation, Robert admitted that the female masseuse inside the business had made a hand gesture at the end of the massage, which he interpreted as an offer for a hand job. Robert stated that he declined the offer and reiterated that he only received the massage on his leg, which cost him \$40. He also mentioned that he had previously visited a similar type of business in Spokane, off the Sullivan and Sprague area in the Spokane Valley, where he was similarly offered sexual favors at the end of the massage, which he also declined.

****Conclusion:****

After confirming Robert's account of his visit to 210 Spruce Ave and issuing a verbal warning for failing to use his turn signal, I concluded the traffic stop. No further action was taken at this time.

During the same surveillance detail, at approximately 1310 hours, I observed a newer Dodge Ram pickup truck with Washington plates (#D12032D) pull up to the business located at 210 Spruce Ave, known as Chinese Body Works. An adult male exited the pickup and entered the business. After approximately 20 minutes, I saw the same male subject exit the business, re-enter the Dodge Ram, and pull away from the curb without using a turn signal when entering the roadway.

I initiated a traffic stop at the intersection of Fourth and Spruce. Upon contacting the driver, I identified him as Mark T. Felton, using his Washington state driver's license.

I informed Mr. Felton that the reason for the stop was his failure to use a turn signal when entering the roadway. Additionally, I asked him about his recent visit to the business at 210 Spruce Ave.

Mr. Felton agreed to speak with me and explained that he had gone to the establishment for a massage. However, he became uncomfortable due to the uncleanliness of the premises. He stated that he received a back massage but ended the session when the masseuse asked him to flip over for a front massage. He paid \$60 for the back massage and declined any further services.

I questioned Mr. Felton about the suspicion that such establishments might offer sexual favors in exchange for additional payment. After multiple inquiries, Mr. Felton asserted that he was only interested in leaving the establishment and did not receive any verbal or non-verbal indications that sexual favors were being offered.

It should be noted that Mr. Felton was inside the business for approximately 20 minutes, which is shorter than the typical duration of 45 minutes to an hour observed at similar establishments.

Mr. Felton mentioned that he was from Olympia, Washington, and was traveling to Missoula, Montana. He stated that he found the massage parlor by Googling "massage parlors near me."

A check of Mr. Felton's driver's license and vehicle registration returned clear. I then concluded the traffic stop and ended my contact with Mr. Felton.

Supplement

Officer:S.AVRIETT

Sgt. S.C. Avriett K32

24C32969

08-15-2024

**** Lead Detective, K. Newbill ****

On 08-14-2024, I was conducting surveillance on the Asian Reflexology massage business located at 1034 N 3rd St suite A, due to an ongoing investigation into this location and several others performing sex acts on patrons.

While here, I sat in the parking lot and watched as an older male walked into the parking lot from the south, near the parking lot of the Safeway Grocery Store. I have found working these types of establishments, parking away from the business and walking in is common of patrons so their vehicles are not associated with the illegal activity.

The male mentioned above, later identified verbally as James (Jim) Scharnhorst, DOB 10-03-1950 walked into the business and stayed for approx. 1 hour. Upon leaving, he walked south and then east through the driveway between the massage business and Safeway.

I made consensual contact with the male at 4th, south of Harrison Ave as he was walking on the sidewalk northbound. During this conversation, Jim was nervous and it was apparent he as not telling the truth which started with not being forthcoming on where he was coming from.

In brief, Jim admitted to paying \$60 for the massage and parked at Pilgrims Market (approx. 8-10) blocks north then walking to the location for the massage. He also noted his name was not put into a business log, he was not provided a receipt for services and he paid cash. These are all common with these type of establishments so there is no tracking for tax purposes.

He described both female employees as being Asian in their early 20's. Jim stated no sexual offers were made to him while was in the business, however due to his body language, him parking so far away and the business being between his home and Pilgrims, it was very apparent he was being untruthful.

Later, I watched as a dark colored Chevrolet truck pulled into the parking lot. I watched as a single male exited the vehicle and entered the above business which he stayed inside for approx. 1 hour and 15 minutes. I ran the license plate with Dispatch and was told the owner of the truck is Angelo M. Brunson, Owner of Angelo's Restaurant. Angelo's business is just south of this location and across the street from another massage business involved in this investigation. This makes perfect sense since why Brunson would not visit the business across the street from his restaurant due to the services they conduct and being so close to his business and the impact this could have on his business being a local business owner and frequenting an immoral establishment providing sex acts.

Once Brunson left, I observed him enter 3rd St from the parking lot without stopping. He then immediately turned into the Safeway parking lot, drove to 4th St then traveled north on 4th. This route is an odd route as the next main street would be a more appropriate route and less congested.

I followed the truck north and watched as it failed to use a turn signal turning into the turn lane at 4th and Neider and then again failed to signal turning WB on Neider from 4th St.

Due to the traffic violations, I conducted a traffic stop and the truck yielded in the Costco parking lot.

I contacted the driver, Angelo Brunson (Idaho DL). The reason for the stop was explained and when asked, he told me he was coming from downtown. I then spoke with him about the massage business he just left and he appeared shocked I knew this.

During this conversation, he told me he was aware of the business across the street from his restaurant performing sex acts because he has been a patron there, but denied accepting the act. He said while in the Montana Ave business, his genitals were touched, but he declined any offered sex act. He also told he has also visited the Asian Massage business on US95/Haycraft where the same sex acts were offered and he was touched sexually, but again denied partaking in this. He also has visited a location in Post Falls with the same sexual touching took place.

It was very interesting and common since would tell a person that after 1, maybe 2 business that are almost identical, (Asian massage where all windows covered to prevent view from the outside) they may all be performing sexual or immoral acts, but Brunson continued to visit similar locations.

Brunson told me no offer was made today nor did he partake in a sexual act while in the business. He described the two female employees as being young Asians. The person conducting the massage being in their early 20's and the receptionist being approx. 14 years old.

During this conversation, it was apparent Brunson was extremely nervous. He admitted he knew the other establishments offered and performed sex acts from his own experiences when he was touched inappropriately at the businesses he visited. Brunson tried to minimize today's visit by stating he was never touched nor was he offered a sexual act of any kind, but did mention he has to go to confession (repenting his sins to a priest) for today's visit because of the type of place he was just in. This was also interesting to me because he claimed to not partake in an immoral sexual act, but now he has to go to confession to repent his sins.

Before I left, Brunson admitted to paying \$70 for the massage and gave a \$35 tip which seems absurd giving a 50% gratuity. He also noted his name was not put into a business log, he was not provided a receipt for services and he paid cash.

I strongly suggested to Brunson he no longer visits the massage business he just left in the future. I gave him a warning for the traffic violations.

This case will remain active as of the writing of this report.

Supplement

Officer:D.HALEY

DETECTIVE: D. HALEY K105

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

8/14/24

The following traffic stops were conducted on people who had patronized the massage parlor at 408 Montana.

24C23946

No signal went turning right onto N 4th Street.

Veh Plate: 133169R from Montana

Driver: Alfred John Reginato 01/09/1950

Body Camera footage uploaded to VIPER

Alfred was staying up in Hope, ID and was going fishing. He had come to town for lunch at the Bluebird. I asked if he had stopped anywhere else and he said he had stopped to get a massage and explained at which location. He said it turned out to be a "happy ending joint."

Alfred was hesitant to talk, seemingly embarrassed but he did speak with me. He had gone in and asked for a hour massage. There were two females in the business, one with a pony tail and one with shoulder length hair who was a shorter female; both appeared to be of Asian descent. The female with the short hair gave him the massage.

The female was not in the room when he undressed and got on the table. He said the back massage was like any other massage he had. When he turned over the female immediately tried to touch him. He said he told her he didn't want that, she then massaged his lower legs for a short time and he left. The female did not offer oral sex or vaginal sex.

Alfred was in the business for around 30-40 minutes based upon what I had observed.

24C32955

No signal went turning right onto N 4th Street.

Veh Plate: K652116

Driver: Tanner V. Trogstad 10/12/1996

Body Camera footage uploaded to VIPER

Tanner told me that he had been at a shop downtown and then was just coming from a friends house. He was going to be going back home to Boise after staying with his parents in town. Tanner avoided mentioning the massage parlor until I asked about it. He had been observed walking in from behind the parlor, then moving his truck around to the front before re-entering. He was inside for around 30 minutes.

Once Tanner was talking with me about the parlor he explained that there had been two females inside, one with a ponytail and one with shoulder length hair. The second female had asked him if he drove a red car when he had first walked in. She then had him move it to the front of the business rather than in the

dirt lot behind. Tanner said he was put in a room and was in there for 30 minutes before he was told it would be another hour before he would get a massage. He said he then left the location. Tanner said he was never touched by either of the women or offered any services.

24C32967

No signal went turning left onto N 4th Street.

Veh Plate: K613133

Driver: Patrick Jay Krentz 01/19/1978

Body Camera footage uploaded to VIPER

Detective Brazle estimated that Patrick had been in the massage parlor for close to one hour. He had parked across the street at the Youth Valley Ranch Thrift Store and walked to the massage parlor.

Patrick said he was just "downtown bumping around," when I asked what he was up today and he was on his way to get a cigar. He was wearing a t-shirt that said "MOIST." He works as a clinical manager for Lifeflight Network. He said his job is to mainly yell at people and do paperwork.

He did not speak about the massage parlor until I brought it up. He said he got a back rub. He only saw one female working there and she was "Chinese." She had short black hair. He has gone to that location multiple times. He did not recall being checked in or his name written in a log book.

I confronted him regarding the likelihood that the workers were being trafficked and that I was trying to help the girls get out of the situation. He said he didn't like the idea that he would contribute to anyone being a victim of any kind and that he didn't believe they were trafficked. He said she is friendly, she will walk on his back.

When I asked if they had tried to touch him after the massage, he shrugged and said "my butt...but that is part of a rub..." He denied getting a handjob. When I asked if she offered one he replied no, when I asked about his reply was, "She's nice." When asked to clarify he said she is a "giggly, chatty, Chinese woman...didn't seem like she was under any duress."

He said he goes to this place because he doesn't need an appointment. Patrick said each time he has been there it hasn't been the same girl.

I pressed him that I believed that during his hour long time in the business that he was offered a sexual act. He agreed that it would be a likely conclusion. He then would talk with me in hypothetical terms.

The female would offer verbally but would not state that more money would be expected for the service. He was not offered a sexual act the prior times at this location. He travels and gets massages in other cities and was offered a "blowjob" at a different location. I explained that what I believed happened and what he knows happened are likely the same that and he agreed that was a fair assessment.

Once I was done I had turned my body camera off. He then asked to talk again. He said I would get more candid conversations if the body camera was not on. He then said he didn't realize that these locations were part of human trafficking. He never admitted directly to receiving sexual acts but it was certainly implied by our talking, his body language, and the wanting to speak after the camera was off.

That concluded my involvement on this date with the investigation. All plates and persons were added to involvements.

Supplement

Officer: K. CANNON

K. CANNON, K83

I assisted Det. Newbill in the research into some of the massage businesses in town and suspicion of solicitation of prostitution.

I researched LLCs and Business names in Idaho that are associated with Yan Liu and Wei Liu.

YAN LIU:

- Asia 1 Massage, 2600 E Seltice Way, Post Falls, ID
- FORTUNE HOUSE, LLC, 2562 E WARM SPRINGS AVE, BOISE, ID (CURRENT) & 3694 S VENETO AVE, MERIDIAN, ID (PREVIOUS)
- LITTLE LOCK INTERNATIONAL ENTERPRISE, LLC, 1034 N 3RD ST, UNIT A, COEUR D'ALENE, ID AND 6906 N COURCELLES PKWY, COEUR D'ALENE, ID

WEI LIU:

- SKY HORSE LLC, 2562 E WARM SPRINGS AVE, BOISE, ID
- OCEAN MASSAGE, LLC, 240 N 18th AVE, POCA TELLO, ID

I researched properties owned by YAN LIU:

- 6906 N COURCELLES PKWY, COEUR D'ALENE, ID
- 408 E MONTANA AVE, COEUR D'ALENE, ID

08/09/2024

Det. Newbill and I conducted surveillance on 4055 N Government Way at the Massage businesses. We observed a male exit the business. We later observed him make multiple traffic violations so we conducted a traffic stop. Jon Ness was identified as the person we saw leaving the business. He told me he was coming from 'Peak' (the fitness facility). Det. Khalil interviewed him regarding the massage business.

08/14/2024

Det. Newbill and I made contact with the neighbor of 6906 N Courcelles (Yan Liu's in-house residential address) at 6930 N Courcelles Pkwy. We learned he observes the neighbors at 6906 N Courcelles Pkwy come and go from the residence. He said the female drove a dark Mazda van and a male drove a white BMW with stickers that said 'Performance'. He believed the female was mid 60's while the male looked younger.

Det. Newbill and I conducted surveillance on related massage businesses. We observed a white BMW with 'performance' stickers parked at 2600 E Seltice Way (outside the massage business) in Post Falls. The plate was Washington 'G88888'. This same BMW was later observed outside of the massage businesses at 4055 N Government Way in CDA and 408 E Montana.

Det. Newbill and I conducted surveillance on 4055 N Government Way. We observed a male spend over an hour in the business and then leave in a black Ram with California plates. We stopped him after observing a traffic violation. We identified him as Sean Bolton. He appeared extremely nervous and physically shook while I spoke to him. In all my experience he was notably one of the most memorable people who displayed extremely prevalent physical indicators of stress during our contact. He initially said he was coming from Fred Meyer. I asked him

about the massage business and he denied there being anything sexual that happened. He said he needed a massage. He also admitted that his wife considers him to be a 'massage whore'. He said he initially went to a different massage business but left and went to the other. He said he found the businesses online. He said he paid \$70 cash and tipped \$30 cash. He believed the masseuse's name was 'Rachel'. He said she wore jean shorts and a t-shirt.

K.CANNON, K83

Supplement

Officer: J. GILLMORE

*****Sgt J. Gillmore*****

ASSIGNED TO DET NEWBILL:

08/14/24: I, Sgt J. Gillmore, assisted with the investigation of the massage parlor located at 408 E. Montana Ave. It has been reported the employees were offering sexual acts for additional money beyond the regular massages. I stayed in the area and conducted traffic stops of individuals leaving the business and speak with them about what was going on.

Listed below are the contacts I conducted on 08/14/24. I am listing the report number for the actual traffic stop. The vehicle information will be under the traffic stop report number. Only the person(s) contacted will be listed in this report. The videos will be uploaded under the traffic stop report number and the report number for this incident.

24C32915 William H. Kober. 2021 Silver Ford Explorer, ID. 2985H.

A silver Ford Explorer left 408 E Montana Ave. There was one male occupant. The vehicle failed to use a turn signal while turning north on 4th St from Montana Ave. I initiated a traffic stop with the vehicle stopping at Government Way and Spokane Ave. The driver was the only person in the car.

The driver, William H. Kober identified by his Idaho driver's license, admitted using the business for a massage before. William gets an allowance from the VA to get a massage due to injuries received during his service in the military. William denied anyone has, either verbally or with hand signals, offered any sexual favors to him. William was adamant about it, even mentioned he was former law enforcement and was familiar with these types of massage places. The video of my contact was uploaded to Viper.

24C32929 David Wilson, 2011 Red Toyota Tundra, ID KDX02U.

The second stop I made was on a red truck. The truck left the massage parlor at 408 E. Montana Ave. The truck failed to use a turn signal to turn north on 4th St. It made an improper turn by turning into the far lane, failed to signal turning West onto Boise Ave, failed to signal turning south onto 3rd St making another improper turn by crossing the first lane of travel and accelerated well above the posted 25 mph speed limit.

There was one person in the vehicle. I initiated a traffic stop with the vehicle stopping at 3rd St and Garden Ave. The driver, David Wilson identified verbally, immediately exited the vehicle and approached my car. This is concerning based on my experience a person is going to run, confront officers, or is trying to separate themselves from the vehicle due to something illegal inside the truck.

David said he paid one hundred dollars for an hour massage. I happened to time David from his arrival and when he left. I timed him from the moment he walked inside to when he exited the building. David entered at 1302 hours and left at 1337 hours for a total time inside of thirty five minutes. David was surprised and attempted to tell me he thought it "felt" like an hour. He claims he always

leave a big tip to the person giving him a massage. David claimed he had a massage and had his toenails clipped.

David's account of pay and time didn't make sense and I told him I did not believe him. David still stuck with his account and faked surprise that the place would offer sexual acts. The video of my interaction with David was uploaded to Viper.

24C32972: Ruben Miranda, 2017 Silver Ford F150 K617294, ID.

I observed a silver Ford F150 leaving 408 E. Montana Ave. The vehicle failed to use a turn signal when turning north onto 4th St. I initiated a traffic stop with the vehicle stopping at 4th St and Walnut Ave. There was one person in the car. I met the driver, Ruben Miranda identified by his Idaho driver's license, at the vehicle. Ruben has been to 408 E. Montana before. He goes about every other week. He pays for a fifty five dollar half hour massage then leaves. Another detective on scene confirmed Ruben had been in the business just a little over a half hour.

Ruben has not been offered any sexual acts to be performed. No one has asked or used hand gestures to solicit more money for an act. Ruben was surprised this could be happening at the business and in our city. The interaction with Ruben was uploaded to Viper.

This concluded the stops made for 08/14/15: Sgt. J. Gillmore

24C33318: Anthony Webster, 2000 Grey Chevy Suburban K500276.

I was stationary in the area of 210 E Spruce Ave conducting surveillance on a massage parlor. I sat in the area for approximately 30-45 minutes. I observed a while male wearing shorts and a T-shirt leave the business and walk east. The male crossed second street and continued to walk east on Spruce. The male got into a Grey Suburban. There was no signal from the vehicle as it left the curb.

I initiated a traffic stop with the vehicle stopping on 3rd St south of Spruce. There was one person in the car. I met the driver, Anthony Webster identified by his Idaho driver's license, at the vehicle. Anthony admitted he received an hour massage for eighty dollars. He did not park in front of the building because there was no parking, (the street was completely clear easy parking). Anthony claims to have only been at the massage parlor two times, but mentioned he goes after work. He initially claimed no one has ever offered any sexual favors for money. As we talked he confirmed he has been asked if he wanted a hand job. Anthony claims he never accepted. He advised each visit there was a different female. The female did not speak English very well and would point to his groin which he took as asking to perform a sex act on his penis.

Anthony became even more nervous when asked if he ever had sex with the masseus.

Anthony was unable to answer a direct question and would say something else. I had to redirect Anthony to the question I asked. Anthony seemed to stutter at times when answering. Based on his nervous behaviors I do not believe Anthony is being completely truthful about what occurred inside the business. The body camera was uploaded to Viper. I added the vehicle information to the traffic stop report.

Sgt. J. Gillmore K37

Supplement

Officer: J. WELCH

DETECTIVE: J. WELCH K95

NARRATIVE:

On 08/15/2024 I assisted with the investigation into the massage parlor located at 1034 N 3rd St. I began surveillance on the business at around 1500 hours. In communicating with Sgt. Avriett it was unknown if any clients were inside the business.

At around 1530 hours I watched a white Jeep park in the parking lot and an older male exit the Jeep. The male walked directly into the business. He came out of the business approximately 1 hour later. I made a traffic stop (24C33168) on the Jeep at 1603 N 4th St: US Bank. The Jeep license plate was Idaho KBW32U. I identified the driver as Thomas Schoening (63 YOM). Once the traffic stop was completed I asked Thomas if he would be willing to speak with me. He said yes.

Thomas initially told me he was out going to hardware stores looking for parts. When I had him exit the Jeep I told him I knew he was at the massage parlor and I wanted to hear about his experience. Thomas informed me this is the 2nd time he has gone to this massage parlor. Later he confirmed this was his 3rd time at this parlor. The last time he was there was several months ago. He stated the massage was excellent which is why he wanted to come back. Thomas was adamant nothing sexual occurred. He stated he kept his underwear on during the massage and the female masseuse was not in the room when he dressed down. She also never touched him inappropriately. Thomas stated he did not make an appointment and he just walked in. Thomas said the cost was \$70 for an hour massage. He also paid a \$50 tip to the masseuse after the massage.

I told Thomas I did not believe him that he did not receive some type of sexual favor. The statement that make me believe this are:

1. He initially told me he was going to hardware stores to look for parts.
2. He paid cash for the massage and for the \$50.00 tip.
3. I know \$50 dollars is the current going rate for a hand job. I know this information from other Detectives I have spoken with in regards to the massage parlor investigation.

Thomas was adamant he did not receive any sexual favors.

While Thomas was inside the massage parlor, another vehicle bearing ID license plate LACPD parked in the parking lot. I watched the male driver of this vehicle exit his vehicle and walk into the massage parlor. The male was very noticeable as he was wearing a bright fluorescent yellow shirt. After the traffic stop with Thomas, I returned to the area of the massage parlor. After parking I saw the male walking back towards the vehicle. The male got into the vehicle and I followed him. I did not make a traffic stop on the male as I did not observe any traffic violations. The male went into the Safeway parking lot off of Ironwood Dr and I contacted the male (24C33180).

I asked the male if he would be willing to speak with me and he stated yes. The male did not identify himself. I told the male I watched him go into the massage parlor and then get into his vehicle and leave the area. The male became very defensive and stated he was not inside the massage parlor. I told him I was not

looking to get him in trouble, I only wanted to hear about his experience at the massage parlor. The male was still upset and told me to get a watch commander to our location. Later I did request a watch commander respond. I explained again to the male I only wanted to hear about his experience and he did not have to speak with me if he did not want to. The male told me he was not inside the massage parlor. He stated he had been in a chiropractor's office and was having his foot worked on by a 65 YO male. At one point during the conversation the male mentioned Sheriff Robert Norris and later in the conversation stated he was good friends with Dan Wilson who is running for Sheriff. The male asked if I have been involved in an IAB investigation. I told him I did not know what that was. He stated an investigation. I told him I had not. He then told me if I was questioning his character, he would file a complaint on me and I will be in one. I explained to the male I was only looking to get his experience at the massage parlor and he did not have to talk to me. He said he didn't want to talk to me and began walking towards Safeway. I informed Sgt, Craft he did not need to respond to the location.

I later learned the males name is Steve Em. He is the registered owner of the vehicle. It should also be noted my body worn camera did not initially turn on. I noticed this during the conversation with Steve and turned it on.

While Thomas and Steve were inside the massage parlor, I saw a red Ford F150 park in the parking lot. I watched an older male walk into the massage parlor. After I returned to the area of the massage parlor, I noticed the F150 was still in the parking lot. When I turned around and parked, the F150 was gone. I located the vehicle traveling north on 4th St. The license plate of the vehicle is K1068U. The vehicle is registered to Roger Stewart (64 YOM). I made a traffic stop on the vehicle (24C33185).

I learned Roger was the driver of the vehicle. At the conclusion of the traffic stop I asked Roger if he would be willing to speak with me. Roger said he would. I told him I would like to learn about his experience at the massage parlor he just came from. Roger informed me nothing sexual occurred and he had received a full body massage. He stated the masseuse used her hands during the massage. Roger said he paid \$70 in cash for the massage and he was a walk in appointment. Roger stated this was the first time he received a massage at this parlor and he explained he and his wife normally go to Massage Envy. Roger staed after his massage, he gave the masseuse a \$20 tip in cash. Roger explained he was nude during the massage and the female exited the room while he dressed down. He laid on the table and covered himself. After this then the female masseuse came into the room. Roger said nothing inappropriate occurred during the massage and he was never offered sexual favors.

This concluded my involvement on this date.

J.WELCH K95

Supplement

Officer: B.A. WOLFINGER

*****SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT*****

Sgt. B. Wolfinger

On 10.02.24 I was conducting surveillance at 4055 N. Government Way in regards to this case. The following are my observations:

At approximately 2053 hours, I observed a dark colored SUV back into a parking spot directly in front of the door of the massage parlor. I observed a white male wearing dark clothing and a baseball hat exit from the driver's seat and go into the business. While the male was in the business, he left the vehicle running with the headlights and taillights illuminated. At approximately 2110 hours, I observed the dome light inside of the vehicle turn on, and what appeared to be a female in the passenger seat. I was unable to obtain a description of the female while she was in the vehicle. At approximately 2118 hours, I observed the male exit the business and enter into the vehicle.

The vehicle drove out of the parking lot and headed southbound on Government Way. I followed the vehicle and confirmed the vehicle was a black Chevrolet Suburban. The vehicle did not have any plates, and I was unable to confirm if there was a temporary registration or not. I followed the vehicle eastbound on Kathleen Ave. and then turn southbound on an alley behind the 76 gas station. Believing the vehicle knew I was following it, and was trying to avoid me, I passed the alleyway and turned around to go back and surveil the business.

As I came back to the area, I observed the same black Suburban pull back into the parking lot and back into the same parking space. The same male exited the vehicle and went back into the business. This occurred at 2121 hours.

I continued my surveillance of the business, both the front door and the rear alleyway. I then observed the same male exit the business at 2202 hours. He entered into his vehicle and exited the parking northbound on Government way. I followed the vehicle northbound to Prairie Ave. where I stopped following.

I returned to the business and continued surveillance until approximately 0600. During that time I did not observe anyone go into or out of the business.

Supplement

Officer:JO.GALLOWAY

***** OFFICER GALLOWAY SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT *****

OFFICER: JO.GALLOWAY K60

NARRATIVE:

On 10/02/2024 I began conducting surveillance at 1034 N 3rd Street at approximately 2015 hours in regards to this case. I conducted surveillance at this location in the back alley way until 0600 hours on 10/03/2024.

During this time period I did not observe anyone going in or going our of this establishment.

-JO.GALLOWAY K60

Supplement

Officer: Z. WILSON

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

OFFICER: Z. WILSON K107

NARRATIVE:

On 10/02/2024 at approximately 2000 hours, I started surveillance at 408 E Montana Avenue for this case. The following are my observations from 2015 to 0600 hours on 10/03/2024.

10/02/2024

At 2015 hours, a male with long hair parked on 4th Street north of Montana Avenue. He walked southbound on 4th Street and entered the front door of the Massage Parlor. At 2118 hours, the male left in a silver Lexus bearing WA plate BYY7110.

At 2054 hours, a green Ford Ranger bearing ID plate K614961 parked in the front parking lot. An older male with long hair exited the vehicle and entered through the front door. At 2205 hours, the male left.

At 2130 hours, a larger male wearing jeans and a ball cap entered through the front door. The male drove a silver Dodge pickup bearing ID plate K617471. At 2205 hours, the male left.

At 2137 hours, a blonde female driving a silver Audi bearing ID plate K7086U exited the back parking lot.

At 2150 hours, a white Nissan bearing WA plate CGR0720 exited the back parking lot.

At 2216 hours, two females exited the front of the parlor. Prior to the females leaving, they shut all the lights off inside. One female left in a Gray Chevy bearing WA plate BFW4552, the other left in a red Rav4 bearing WA plate A7742822. They both headed west on I90 towards Spokane.

There was no other observations for the rest of the night.

K107

Supplement

Officer: TL CARROLL

TWCarroll K51
24C32696

10/02/24

I was tasked with assisting with this investigation. I was asked to monitor the traffic coming and going from the business located at 408 E Montana Ave. I was also asked to make traffic stop on any vehicle leaving the establishment if possible.

While on scene Det. Knisley advised that a male just walked out of the business. The same male got into a black Ford truck, Idaho Plate K598504, which was parked on 4th Street facing NB. Det. Knisley further advised that when the truck pulled away from the curb it did not signal this move prior to entering the roadway. Based on this information I stopped the vehicle at 4th Street and Spokane Ave, 24C40590.

The driver was identified as Steven Snarr by his Idaho DL. Steven was the only person in the vehicle. Det. Nordman interviewed Steven about what took place at the business in question. Steven said he went into the business and got a massage. He has been in the business 3 times in the last year. The first time he went into the business he was offered a "hand job" but declined. He has not been asked about sexual favors again.

Later in the shift another male was seen leaving the business and getting into a red Porsche that was parked on Montana Ave on the east side of 5th Street. The Porsche was bearing Idaho Plate DBL22 on the rear of the vehicle. There was no license plate on the front of the vehicle. Because of that I stopped the vehicle at 5th Street and Birch Ave, 24C40597.

The driver was identified as Gerald Vernon by his Idaho DL. Gerald was the only person in the vehicle. Again, Det. Nordman interview Gerald about his conduct at the business in question. Gerald stated he got a massage while he was in the business and denied receiving nor was he offered any sexual favors.

Another stop that was made was on a motorcycle bearing Idaho Plate M0HIC2. The motorcycle rider was seen leaving the business in question and traveling WB on Montana Ave. I observed the motorcycle rider turn NB onto 4th Street. When he turned he did not use a signal. Because of that I stopped the motorcycle at 4th Street and Miller Ave, 24C40629.

The motorcycle rider was identified as Robert Paffile by his Idaho DL. Robert was the only person on the motorcycle. When I asked Robert about his conduct at the business in question Robert said he just went to the business to get a foot massage. He had a bad foot from working construction. He received the foot massage and left. He did not receive nor was he offered any sexual favors while in the business.

The last person I spoke to was identified as Tommy Park by his Idaho DL. Tommy was seen leaving the business in a red Ford Ranger truck, Idaho KIX11U. Tommy traveled WB on Montana Ave and turned NB onto 4th Street. When Tommy turned he did not use a signal. I stopped Tommy in the parking lot of Safeway on 4th Street, 24C40703.

Tommy was the only person in the vehicle. When asked about his conduct in the business Tommy said he just went into the business to get a massage. He denied receiving nor was he offered any sexual favors. He further said he had visited the business a couple of times previous to this and had never received any sexual favors.

My contact with all parties was recorded on my body camera. This report is a summary of events and done from my memory of the salient points. For full details please see the video recordings that were uploaded into Viper.

I observed a handful of other patrons leaving the business but did not have a reason to stop their vehicles. This included a white Volkswagen SUV bearing Idaho Plate K677115. This vehicle was driven by a single male occupant.

I also observed a male leaving the business that was picked up in front of the business by a female. She was driving a blue Acura SUV bearing Idaho 17895.

For a short time I was tasked with monitoring the front of the building to determine who was coming and going from the business. I started monitoring at approximately 2000 hrs and ended at approximately 2045. There was a blue Ford truck parked in front of the business when I started, I could read the license plate on the vehicle. This truck left the business at 2015 hrs with one male driver. A male with longer hair approached the business on foot. He was walking SB on 4th Street. He entered the business at 2032 hrs but did not leave in the time I was on scene. I did not observed anyone else enter or leave the business.

All the parties I spoke to were added to this report as mentioned.

Supplement

Officer:D.HALEY

DETECTIVE: D. HALEY K105

SUPPLEMENTAL NARRATIVE

10/2/24

I was conducted surveillance on the massage parlor at 1034 N 3rd Street. I had a view of the alley behind the business. At 2003 I observed a female exit the rear door of the parlor with several small, dark bags in her hands. The female had long, dark hair and a thin build.

She put the bags in a large trash container in the alley, on the left side of it. Without losing visual on the dumpster, I was able to obtain what I believe was the trash that the female put in the dumpster.

Det Newbill and I went through the trash at the PD. We located multiple used tissues, a piece of mail to Songxian Wei at 1034 N 3rd St Ste A, A TJ max receipt, and multiple containers of GIHYEN Poproserum. I took pictures with my work phone of some of the items of note and provided those to Det Newbill. All the trash was thrown away after going through it.

Supplement

Officer:A.KNISLEY

24C32969

10/3/24

DETECTIVE KNISLEY

INVESTIGATIVE NARRATIVE:

On 10/2/24 I assisted on observing the massage parlor "ASIA MASSAGE" located at 408 E Montana Ave. I started observing at approx 1000 hrs.

At 1020, a male exited and got into a car bearing Idaho plate K598504. Det Carroll took over observing that vehicle, see his supp for details.

At 1030, a male approached on foot from the east on Montana Ave. He appeared elderly and was walking with a cane. He passed the business and walked to the corner of Montana Ave and 4th St. He was looking all around. He then walked back east, out of sight and returned without his cane, going into the business. At 1108, he exited and walked east, retrieving his cane from out of sight. He got into a car and Det Carroll took over observing that vehicle, see his supp for details.

At 1045, a vehicle bearing Idaho plate G8888 arrived and parked along side the business. A male and female exited and appeared to go in a side door. The female came out and placed something in the back of a car parking on the street, bearing WA plate BFW4552. She then got back in the original vehicle with the male and they left.

At 1308, a male exited the business and got on a motorcycle parked in front. He left N/B on 4th St, Det Carroll took over observing that vehicle, see his supp for details.

At 1351, a male left and got into a VW SUV bearing Idaho plate K677115. Det Carroll took over observing that vehicle, see his supp for details.

At 1340, a male wearing a black hoody left the business. He walked to the alley, started to walk south then abruptly changed his direction and walked north to Montana St, then out of my sight. Det Carroll took over observing that male.

At 1407, a male arrived in a silver SUV bearing a temporary tag.

At 1615, a female customer left the business.

At 1659, a male was dropped off by a black SUV. He went into the business. At 1813, that male left the business. He waited in the parking lot briefly until he was picked up by a different vehicle.

At 1740 a male arrived in a maroon Ford pickup bearing Idaho plate K1XIIU. At 1840 he left, Det Carroll took over observing that vehicle, see his supp for details.

At 1855 a large dark Ford truck arrived. I was relieved by Det Carroll, see his supp for any further details.

Knisley K82

Supplement

Officer: J. BRAZLE

DETECTIVE: J. BRAZLE K97

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

NARRATIVE:

10/02/24

I assisted with the investigation of the massage parlor located at 4055 N Government Wy #8 in the city of Coeur d'Alene. There was suspicion, based on reports and further investigation, employees of this massage parlor were offering sexual acts for additional money beyond the regular massages. I stayed in the area and conducted traffic stops of individuals leaving the business and spoke to them about their time at this massage parlor. Below is a summary of the traffic stops and contacts. No individuals contacted received citations and all traffic stops were cleared with a warning. All recorded times of arrivals and departures for the individuals are approximate. All individuals were identified by their state issued pictured drivers license. None of the individuals were specifically detailed in their responses to questions regarding activities at the massage parlor.

INTERVIEW: Jeffrey Errol Christiaansen (24C40640)

ARRIVAL: unknown

DEPARTURE: 13:44 hours

PAID: \$60 cash 0 tip

STATEMENT: Jeffrey visited the parlor for lingering back issues. Jeffrey stated he paid for an hour-long massage but left approximately 45 minutes into massage.

Jeffrey said there were sexual acts offered or suggested. Jeffrey made a statement he did not want to discuss personal issues. Jeffrey also said law enforcement should investigate this massage parlor but did not provide further.

At one point I asked Jeffrey about the details of his massage parlor visit. Jeffrey directed me to "ask him" [Detective Welch] about these details which I found odd. Jeffrey had visited this specific massage parlor once prior approximately 1 year ago. Jeffrey had only visited this massage parlor due to his usual masseuse no longer being in business.

INTERVIEW: Nelson Leroy Hand (24C40650)

ARRIVAL: 13:37 hours

DEPARTURE: 14:06 hours

PAID: \$70 cash (tip unknown)

STATEMENT: Nelson was in Coeur d'Alene to visit his wife in the local hospital. Nelson said nothing beyond the regular massage was offered or suggested. Nelson did not exhibit any physical indicators of being nervous when speaking to law enforcement that would lead me to believe he was being deceptive.

INTERVIEW: Josh Matthew Gill (24C40686)

ARRIVAL: 15:45 hours
DEPARTURE: 16:51 hours
PAID: \$70 cash \$20 tip

STATEMENT: Josh was travelling from a hunting trip in Montana. I observed Josh arrive at the massage parlor and leave. The duration of Josh's visit was over 1 hour. I asked Josh where he was travelling from, and he responded "Montana." I asked Josh to be more specific and he repeated "Montana." Josh then said he had received a half hour massage. I confronted Josh on his memory of the duration for his massage which he replied he could not recall how long he was there. Josh said he was nude with his personal private area covered by a towel. Josh did not make an appointment and paid in cash. Josh recalled one female employee appropriately dressed. Josh said sexual acts were "suggested" as the masseuse moved the towel slightly to expose his private area. The act was not suggested verbally. Josh moved the towel back to cover himself and the masseuse replied "ok, ok." Josh was not touched in any sexual manner by the masseuse. Josh said the massage was a spur of the moment decision due to his long road trip. Josh found the massage parlor while looking for vehicle fuel. Josh believed there was only one employee present on scene. Josh did not notice or observe any room or rooms where a person might be staying overnight as a residence.

INTERVIEW: Ian York Ellis (24C40731)

ARRIVAL: 19:44 hours
DEPARTURE: 20:40 hours
PAID: \$60 cash 0 tip

STATEMENT: Ian travels as part of his employment and specializes in doctorate care for patients with chronic pains. Ian observed two women in the massage parlor and did not report any sexual favors offered during his massage. Ian found the location by searching for cheap massages on the internet. Ian had not visited this massage parlor or any others in the Coeur d'Alene area previously.

NOT CONTACTED CUSTOMER

At 18:48 hours a male left the massage parlor. This male arrived at an unknown times as surveilling officers were on other duties. I observed the male as he drove by me northbound on N Government Wy. I was able to run a registration query on the Idaho license plate mounted to the vehicle the male was driving. The male I observed matched the driver license photograph of the registered owner to the vehicle. The registered owner is Aaron Philip Heinen. I was unable to establish cause for a traffic stop so Aaron was not contacted on this date.

All mentioned individuals were added to the involvements of this case.

END OF INVOLVEMENT

Supplement

Officer: K.CANNON

K.CANNON, K83

10/02/2024

Det. Newbill and I conducted surveillance on the massage business at 1034 N 3rd St, #A in Coeur d'Alene.

We noticed the following activity:

A male customer left the business at 12:11 hours. It is unknown how long he was inside as we did not see him enter. He was not contacted.

A male customer left out the back door at 13:10 hours. He was not contacted.

A male customer left out the front door at 13:10 hours. He was not contacted.

A male customer entered at 15:00 hours in the front and left at 16:10 hours out of the front.

A male customer entered at 16:13 hours and left at 17:20 hours. I later made contact with that driver during a traffic stop in the parking lot of Entertainmart on Appleway Ave. The driver was driving a blue Ford pickup with Idaho plates KZ113U. The driver was identified as Kevin Campbell. I spoke to Campbell following the traffic stop about his business at the massage business. I learned he paid for an hour massage for \$80 and paid with his debit card. He paid \$25 cash for a tip. He saw two ladies working in the business and had no sexual offers. He has had 5 or 6 massages and said they do not do sexual stuff there. He had a prior incident in Washington where he had a sexual offer while getting a massage and does not go there anymore. He had surgery on his leg so needed a massage. I asked why he didn't go to another massage business and he explained he went to Element massage but they locked you into a commitment, which he didn't like. He said you have to call ahead at the location and make sure they are not busy. He provided his phone number as 208-957-1278. He showed me a punch card for his massages at that business and allowed me to take a photo of it.

A male customer left the business at 19:40 and drove away. Det. Khalil later spoke to him on the phone.

K.CANNON, K83

Supplement

Officer: TL CARROLL

TWCarroll K51
24C32969

10/23/24

I was provided Det. Newbill's search warrant in reference to this case. I was asked to return the search warrant to the court. I met with the Honorable Judge Walker and the return paperwork was signed. The paperwork was turned into the Court Clerk.

Supplement

Officer:K.CANNON

K.CANNON, K83

Det. Newbill obtained search warrants for a vehicle GPS tracker. We placed and monitored vehicle GPS trackers on Wei Liu's vehicle, a white BMW X3 with Washington plates G88888. The tracker was on this vehicle for two 30 day periods. The tracker was initially placed on the Audi on August 23, 2024 and removed on October 18, 2024. The data and a full written analysis of each day's activities are in VIPER in a zipped folder. The analysis of the daily activities/movements are in separate word documents in the zipped folders.

It was common routine for the vehicle to visit the related massage businesses and showed a common overnight residence at S Clinton Rd in Spokane Valley.

K.CANNON, K83

Supplement

Officer:M.SYCHLA

*****SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT*****

OFFICER M. SYCHLA K70

On 1/21/25, I was requested to respond to 4025 N Government Way to set surveillance on this massage parlor to confirm if it was open or not. When I parked in the parking lot, all the windows were covered and I could not see inside. There were no vehicles out front and no foot traffic entering or leaving.

After being parked there for a bit, I decided to walk to the front door and went inside. The door was unlocked and the lights were on inside. I was immediately contacted by a small built Asian female who asked if I needed a massage. I told her that I was in a hurry but I wanted to check how late they were open. She told me they closed at 10 pm. I told her I would be back at 7:30pm. The female said that she would see me later.

I relayed this information to detectives. This ended my involvement in this case.

Supplement

Officer:N.KNOLL

Knoll K66

Detective Newbill asked for patrol officers to check if Lavender Body Works (4055 N Government Way) was open over the weekend. It is suspected the business is engaging in prostitution.

I drove past the business on 2/15/25 at approx 2:00 pm and noticed the neon open sign was illuminated. I also noticed a red SUV parked near the front doors with 3B plates.

I parked in the parking lot of the Fairgrounds to watch the business. After approx 15 to 20 minutes I saw an older man walk out of the business and get into the SUV. As he pulled out of the parking lot I saw the SUV didn't have a front license plate. I stopped the SUV on Kathleen west of Government Way.

I told the driver, Schuerman, why I stopped him. He told me he was in town for business and received a massage from the business he just left. He told me he has been going to that massage parlor for "quite a while." When I asked how often he goes he said it depends. He told me he has only been to Lavender Body Works twice over the past month. He later stated he tries to go once per week. He told me he paid \$70 for a full body massage. I asked if he understood why we were there and he said, "Oh yeah." He admitted to tipping \$50. I asked what he got for \$50 and he said, "A good massage." I asked if he touched them or if they only touched him. He said, "Pretty much just them touching me." I asked again what he got for \$50 and he said, "I got myself taken care of." I asked if she used her mouth or her hand and he said, "just her hand." He admitted he paid \$50 for a "handjob." He said they always ask if you want a "handjob." He said he has probably received around 5 "handjobs" from this business and the one he goes to in Post Falls offers the same services.

On 2/16/25 at approx 1:30 I drove past the business again and saw the open sign was still illuminated. I saw a SUV parked in front of the business but didn't see anyone enter or leave the business while I was there.

Supplement

Officer: K. NEWBILL

DETECTIVE: K. NEWBILL K99

NARRATIVE:

On 2/12/25 I received a flow sheet from City Prosecutor declining charges regarding this case. I am changing the status of this case. There is no victim to contact regarding this case and no evidence to dispose of.

CASE STATUS: CP

Owner/Taxpayer

(Default.aspx?PID=55182.7005)

Owner

Owner Name: LI, HONGLIAN
Address: 1106 N CORBIN LN, SPOKANE VALLEY, WA, 99016

Taxpayer

Taxpayer Name: LI, HONGLIAN
Address: 1106 N CORBIN LN, SPOKANE VALLEY, WA, 99016

Photos

(<https://cp.spokanecounty.org/SCOUT/Map/?PID=55182.7005>)



Site Address

Parcel Type	Site Address	City	Land Size	Size Desc.	Description	Tax Year	Tax Code Area	Status
R	1106 N CORBIN LN	SPOKANE VALLEY	10272	Square Feet	11 Single Unit	2025	0144 (https://cp.spokanecounty.org/SCOUT/propertyinformation/TaxCodeArea.aspx?TCA=0144)	Active

18-25-45: WILLOW VIEW LOT 5 BLOCK 2 (AFN 7100862)

Appraisal

Contact Appraiser (<https://cp.spokanecounty.org/Assessor/ContactAssessors/ContactForm.aspx?PID=55182.7005>)

Parcel Class	Appraiser	Neighborhood Code	Neighborhood Name	Neighborhood Desc	Appraiser Name	Appraiser Phone
11 Single Unit	125 (https://cp.spokanecounty.org/Assessor/ContactAssessors/Default.aspx?PID=55182.7005)	425520	GRNC1	PLAT - GREEN ACRES IRR	Michelle	(509) 477-5912

Under Washington State Law (WAC 458-07-015 (<https://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=458-07-015>)) The Assessor's office is required to make an exterior observation of all properties at least once every six years. This property is scheduled for inspection between September 2028 and May of 2029.

Assessed Value

Tax Year	Taxable	Market Total	Land	Dwelling/Structure	Current Use Land
2026	428,500	428,500	100,000	328,500	0
2025	427,400	427,400	95,000	332,400	0

EXHIBIT

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September 8, 2025 – Applied the application is not complete at this time she needs to provide the floor plan, fire inspection approval form, copy of state registration and a copy of her therapist license.

September 8, 2025 – State verified valid Idaho license via endorsement from Texas

September 8, 2025- City Clerk found reference to massage facility in California, Kelley asked state to look into it.

September 10, 2025 – Fingerprint Background check approved

September 17, 2025 - EMAIL FROM STATE (Steve) - *I* won't be revoking her license. I will write up a report detailing that she was revoked in California and didn't report it to us. The **Massage Board will review that at their 12/08/2025** meeting and make a decision on what to do. I might guess that they'll revoke her, but I certainly don't want to assume anything because of the old adage of what happens when you assume.

September 19, 2025 - Sent letter of denial based on revocation/prostitution charges to staff in California.

September 30, 2025- Appeal request received via email.



5.28.080: DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF MASSAGE FACILITY OR SPA LICENSE:

The City Clerk may refuse to issue a Massage Facility or Spa license, and may suspend or revoke such license upon a finding, after such investigation or hearing as deemed necessary, that:

A. Such license was issued by mistake or inadvertence, was procured by fraud, misrepresentation, false or misleading statements, evasions or suppressions of material facts, or that any of the material facts contained in the application for such license have become false; or

B. Any person owning an interest or sharing in the profits of such business, or any stockholders, or officers or directors thereof, or any persons acting as proprietor, manager or person in charge of such business:

1. Has, with the previous five (5) years, been convicted of, or forfeited a bond to appear in court for, any felony, misdemeanor, or other violation of any federal, state or local law relating to sex offenses or to the possession, use or sale of drugs, controlled substances, or alcoholic beverages, or of any crime involving moral turpitude; or

2. Has violated any provision of this Chapter or committed any misconduct or improper, fraudulent, or wrongful behavior relating to the giving of massages or baths, the management of a Massage Facility or Spa, or the fitness of such person to engage in such business, or committed any act which is discreditable to such business or which is lewd or dissolute; or

3. Is not of good moral character; or

4. Previously shared in the profits of any Massage Facility or Spa or acted as an officer or director thereof, or acted as proprietor, manager or person in charge of such business at a time when any license issued pursuant to this Chapter for such business was revoked; or

C. Any servant, agent, employee or representative of such business has committed any act in violation of this Chapter or failed to act in a manner required by this Chapter, or committed any misconduct or improper, fraudulent or wrongful behavior relating to the giving of massages or baths which bears on the fitness of such person to engage in such business, or committed any act or default which is discreditable to such business or which is lewd or dissolute; if:

1. The circumstances surrounding such act or omission tend to establish a lack of adequate supervision or control over a servant, agent, employee, or representative of the business; or

2. The circumstances establish that the acts or omissions of the servant, agent, employee, or representation were knowingly allowed by any person sharing in the profits of said business, any officer or director thereof, or of any person acting as proprietor, manager or person in charge of such business; or



D. Denial, suspension or revocation is necessary to protect the safety, morals or welfare of the public, or the operation of such business would be in violation of any federal, state, or local law;

E. The holder of any Massage Facility license or Spa license and all persons owning an interest or sharing in the profits of such business, including any officers and directors thereof, and all persons acting as proprietor, manager or person in charge of such business shall be held strictly responsible for the acts and omissions of each other and for the acts and omissions of any servant, agent, employee, or representative of such business, if the circumstances establish a lack of adequate supervision or control, or the acts or omissions were knowingly allowed, or an act or omission occurred three (3) or more times within the previous two (2) years.