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# STATE OF WISCONSIN BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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IN THE MATTER OF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS AGAINST

FINAL DECISION AND ORDER

AARON A. MIELKE, S.A.C., C.S.A.C., RESPONDENT.

ORDER 0 0 0 8 8 4 1

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 23 RSA 029

The parties to this action for the purpose of Wis. Stat. § 227.53 are:

Aaron A. Mielke, S.A.C., C.S.A.C. Rothschild, WI 54474

Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 8368
Madison, WI 53708-8368

Division of Legal Services and Compliance Department of Safety and Professional Services P.O. Box 7190 Madison, WI 53707-7190

The parties in this matter agree to the terms and conditions of the attached Stipulation as the final disposition of this matter, subject to the approval of the Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The Department has reviewed this Stipulation and considers it acceptable.

Accordingly, the Department in this matter adopts the attached Stipulation and makes the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent Aaron A. Mielke, S.A.C., C.S.A.C., (Year of Birth 1971) is certified as a clinical substance abuse counselor, having certificate number 16290-132, first issued on April 17, 2018, and current through February 28, 2025. Respondent is also certified as a substance abuse counselor, having certificate number 16128-131, first issued on February 16, 2017. This certificate expired on February 28, 2019, and has not been renewed. Respondent retains the right to apply for renewal of this certificate pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.08(3) through February 29, 2024. Respondent's most recent address on file with the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services is Rothschild, Wisconsin 54474.

- 2. On August 29, 2023, in Marathon County Circuit Court Case No. 2023CF000902, Respondent was charged with one count of Sexual Exploitation by Therapist, a class F felony, in violation of Wis. Stat. § 940.22(2) and one count of 3rd Degree Sexual Assault, a class G felony, in violation of Wis. Stat. 940.225(3)(a). Respondent is accused of engaging in nonconsensual sexual conduct with one of his clients. As of the date of this Order, this case has not been resolved.
- 3. On September 14, 2023, Respondent requested to surrender his substance abuse counselor credentials.
- 4. In resolution of this matter, Respondent consents to the entry of the following Conclusions of Law and Order.

## **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. The Department has jurisdiction to act in this matter pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 440.88 and is authorized to enter into the attached Stipulation pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 227.44(5).

## **ORDER**

- 1. The attached Stipulation is accepted.
- 2. The VOLUNTARY SURRENDER by Respondent of his certificate to practice as a substance abuse counselor (certificate no. 16128-131) and his certificate to practice as a clinical substance abuse counselor (certificate no. 16290-132) in the state of Wisconsin, as well as his right to renew such certificates, is accepted.
- 3. Respondent shall not petition the Department for reinstatement for at least one (1) year from the date of this Order. If the Respondent petitions for reinstatement after one year, whether to grant a certificate and whether to impose any limitations or restrictions on any certificate granted shall be in the sole discretion of the Department and such decision is not reviewable.
- 4. Any requests, petitions, payments of costs (made payable to Department of Safety and Professional Services), and other information required by this Order shall be submitted to:

Department Monitor
Division of Legal Services and Compliance
Department of Safety and Professional Services
P.O. Box 7190, Madison, WI 53707-7190
Telephone (608) 266-2112; Fax (608) 266-2264
DSPSMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

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Respondent may also submit this information online at: https://dspsmonitoring.wi.gov.

5. This Order is effective on the date of its signing.		
WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		
Ву:	Aloysius Rohmeyer  A Member of the Department	11/7/2023 Date

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**STIPULATION** 

AARON A. MIELKE, S.A.C., C.S.A.C., RESPONDENT.

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Division of Legal Services and Compliance Case No. 23 RSA 029

Respondent Aaron A. Mielke, S.A.C., C.S.A.C., and the Division of Legal Services and Compliance, Department of Safety and Professional Services, stipulate as follows:

- 1. This Stipulation is entered into as a result of a pending investigation by the Division of Legal Services and Compliance. Respondent consents to the resolution of this investigation by Stipulation.
- 2. Respondent understands that by signing this Stipulation, Respondent voluntarily and knowingly waives the following rights:
  - the right to a hearing on the allegations against Respondent, at which time the State has the burden of proving those allegations by a preponderance of the evidence;
  - the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against Respondent;
  - the right to call witnesses on Respondent's behalf and to compel their attendance by subpoena;
  - the right to testify on Respondent's own behalf;
  - the right to file objections to any proposed decision and to present briefs or oral arguments to the officials who are to render the final decision;
  - · the right to petition for rehearing; and
  - all other applicable rights afforded to Respondent under the United States Constitution, the Wisconsin Constitution, the Wisconsin Statutes, the Wisconsin Administrative Code, and other provisions of state or federal law.
- 3. Respondent is aware of Respondent's right to seek legal representation and has been provided an opportunity to obtain legal counsel before signing this Stipulation.
- 4. Respondent agrees to the adoption of the attached Final Decision and Order by the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services (Department). The parties to the Stipulation consent to the entry of the attached Final Decision and Order without further notice, pleading, appearance or consent of the parties. Respondent waives all rights to any appeal of the Department's Order, if adopted in the form as attached.

- 5. If the terms of this Stipulation are not acceptable to the Department, the parties shall not be bound by the contents of this Stipulation, and the matter shall then be returned to the Division of Legal Services and Compliance for further proceedings. In the event that the Stipulation is not accepted by the Department, the parties agree not to contend that the Department has been prejudiced or biased in any manner by the consideration of this attempted resolution.
- 6. The parties to this Stipulation agree that the attorney or other agent for the Division of Legal Services and Compliance may appear before the Department, without the presence of Respondent, for purposes of speaking in support of this agreement and answering questions that the Department may have in connection with deliberations on the Stipulation.
- 7. Respondent is informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Final Decision and Order is a public record and will be published in accordance with standard Department procedure.
- 8. Respondent is further informed that should the Department adopt this Stipulation, the Department's Final Decision and Order will be reported as required by the National Practitioner Databank (NPDB) Guidebook and as otherwise required by any licensure compact or any other state or federal law.
- 9. The Division of Legal Services and Compliance joins Respondent in recommending that the Department adopt this Stipulation and issue the attached Final Decision and Order.

Aaron A. Mielke, S.A.C., C.S.A.C., Respondent Rothschild, WI 54474

Certificate Nos. 16128-131and 16290-132

10/4/23

Date

Nicholas Dalla Santa, Prosecuting Attorney
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