

IN THE MATTER OF	*	BEFORE THE
FRANKLIN KHANDAGLE (R)	*	MARYLAND STATE
Respondent	*	BOARD OF PHYSICIANS
License Number R0003796	*	Case Number: 2224-0161

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CONSENT ORDER

On or about February 28, 2024, Disciplinary Panel A (“Panel A”) of the Maryland State Board of Physicians (the "Board") opened an investigation of **FRANKLIN KHANDAGLE, Radiographer** (the “Respondent”), under the Maryland Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance Act (the “Act”), codified at Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. (“Health Occ.”) §§ 14-5B-01 *et seq.* (2021 Repl. Vol. & 2023 Supp.).

Based on its investigation, the Board has grounds to charge the Respondent under the following provisions of the Act:

Health Occ. § 14-5B-01. Definitions.

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- (o) “Practice radiography” means to use ionizing radiation to:
 - (1) Demonstrate portions of the human body to assist in the diagnosis or localization of disease or injury[.]

Health Occ. § 14-5B-17. Unauthorized practice prohibited

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Radiography

- (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a person may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to practice radiography in this State unless licensed to practice radiography by the Board.

Prior to Panel A issuing charges, the Respondent agreed to enter into this public consent order with Panel A's approval, consisting of Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Panel A finds the following:

1. The Respondent was originally licensed by the Board to practice Radiography on March 22, 1994.
2. The Respondent renewed his licensed on multiple occasions and, following the most recent renewal, his licensed expired on April 30, 2021.
3. On January 3, 2024, the Respondent submitted his Radiographer Application for Reinstatement (the "Application") to the Board.
4. In the Application, the Respondent disclosed that he was employed as an x-ray technician in Maryland from October 2021 through January 2024.
5. The Board subpoenaed and received the Respondent's personnel records which documented, among other things, that the Respondent used x-ray equipment to diagnose disease.
6. The Respondent, thus, practiced radiography without a license from approximately October 1, 2021, through January 1, 2024.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact, Disciplinary Panel A concludes that the Respondent engaged in the unauthorized practice of radiography in Maryland, in violation of Health Occ. § 14-5B-17(c).

ORDER

It is, thus, by Disciplinary Panel A, hereby:

ORDERED that, within **1 YEAR** of the effective date of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall pay a **civil fine of \$2,000** by bank certified check or money order made payable to the Maryland Board of Physicians, P.O. Box 37217, Baltimore, Maryland 21297. The Board will not renew or reinstate the Respondent's license if the Respondent fails to timely pay the fine to the Board; and it is further

ORDERED that the effective date of the Consent Order is the date the Consent Order is signed by the Executive Director of the Board or her designee. The Executive Director or her designee signs the Consent Order on behalf of the disciplinary panel which has imposed the terms and conditions of this Consent Order, and it is further

ORDERED that this Consent Order is a public document. *See* Health Occ. §§ 1-607, 14-411.1(b)(2) and Gen. Prov. § 4-333(b)(6).

08/02/2024
Date

Signature On File

Christine A. Farrelly, Executive Director
Maryland State Board of Physicians

CONSENT

I, Franklin Khandagle, radiographer, assert that I am aware of my right to consult with and be represented by counsel in considering this Consent Order and in any proceedings that would otherwise result from the charges currently pending. I have chosen

to proceed without counsel and I acknowledge that the decision to proceed without counsel is freely and voluntarily made.

By this Consent, I agree to be bound by this Consent Order and all its terms and conditions and understand that the disciplinary panel will not entertain any request for amendments or modifications to any condition.

I assert that I am aware of my right to a formal evidentiary hearing, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Health Occ. § 14-405 and Md. Code Ann., State Gov't §§ 10-201 *et seq.* concerning the pending charges. I waive this right and have elected to sign this Consent Order instead.

I acknowledge the validity and enforceability of this Consent Order as if entered after the conclusion of a formal evidentiary hearing in which I would have had the right to counsel, to confront witnesses, to give testimony, to call witnesses on my behalf, and to all other substantive and procedural protections as provided by law. I waive those procedural and substantive protections. I acknowledge the legal authority and the jurisdiction of the disciplinary panel to initiate these proceedings and to issue and enforce this Consent Order.

I voluntarily enter into and agree to comply with the terms and conditions set forth in the Consent Order as a resolution of the charges. I waive any right to contest the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and Order set out in the Consent Order. I waive all rights to appeal this Consent Order.

Signature On File

07/29/2024
Date

Franklin Khandagle (R)

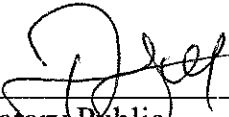
NOTARY

STATE OF Maryland

CITY/COUNTY OF Montgomery

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this 29th day of July 2024, before me, a Notary Public of the State and County aforesaid, personally appeared Franklin Khandagle, radiographer, gave oath in due form of law that signing the foregoing Consent Order was his voluntary act and deed.

AS WITNESSTH my hand and notarial seal.



Notary Public

My commission expires: March 15, 2028