

1 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA BOARD OF**
2 **PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS**

3 In the Matter of :) **Case No.: 23-05**
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5 **KEEVER CZLAPINSKI**)
6 Holder of License No. 005463) **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT,**
7 For the Practice of Psychology,) **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER**
8 In the State of Arizona,) **FOR SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF**
9 Respondent) **LICENSE**

9 **INTRODUCTION**

10 The above-captioned matter came before the Arizona Board of Psychologist Examiners
11 (“Board”) for review at a special public meeting on August 25, 2022. After reviewing relevant
12 information and deliberating, the Board considered proceedings for a summary suspension
13 action against the license of Kever Czapinski (“Respondent”). Having considered the
14 information in the matter and being fully advised, the Board enters the following Interim
15 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order for Summary Suspension of License No.
16 005463, pending formal hearing or other board action. A.R.S. §32-2081(I).

17 Having been properly noticed, Respondent did appear virtually before the Board on
18 August 25, 2022. Respondent was not represented by legal counsel.

19 **JURISDICTIONAL STATEMENT**

- 20 1. The Board is empowered, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-2061, *et seq.*, to regulate the
21 licensing and practice of Psychology in the State of Arizona.
22 2. Respondent holds license No. 005463 issued by the Board to practice as a
23 psychologist in Arizona.

24 **INTERIM FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 25 1. On or about December 9, 2021, the Board received Respondent’s application for
26 licensure by Universal Recognition (“Application”). Respondent signed and dated the

1 Application on November 26, 2021.

2 2. As part of the Application, Respondent affixed his signature to an Attestation
3 that reads as follows:

4 Pursuant to A.R.S. Sections 32-2061, 32-2071.01 and 32-2081, any false or
5 misleading information in, or in connection with, any application may be cause
6 for rejection of that application, or probation, suspension, or revocation of your
7 license.

8 I swear that the statements contained herein are true in every respect. I have not
9 omitted any information that might affect this application. I will conform to the
10 standards of professional conduct as defined in Arizona Revised Statute Section
11 32-2061 et seq., and the rules pertaining thereto.

12 3. Question no. 4 of the Application reads “**Are you or have you been licensed** or
13 certified as a psychologist in any state (jurisdiction) or by PSYPACT? If yes, list the state(s)
14 and license number(s).” (Emphasis added). In response to this question, Respondent disclosed
15 that he held a license in the state of Florida, license no. PY10972. This was a false and
16 incomplete answer because Respondent was licensed previously as a psychologist in the states
17 of Colorado and Michigan. Specifically, Respondent was licensed as a psychologist in Michigan
18 from 2011 to 2016. He also held a license in Colorado from October 31, 2018, until October 26,
19 2021. Additionally, according to records obtained the Board Respondent currently holds a valid
20 license in the state of Wisconsin. He was first issued this license in November of 2016 and it is
21 valid until September of 2023.

22 4. Additionally, Respondent answered “NO” to the following questions on the
23 Application:

24 (6) **Has any state ever initiated disciplinary action** against, or suspended or
25 revoked your professional license, certification, or registration? (Emphasis
26 added).

(8) Are you currently under investigation **or have you been found to have**
violated a professional code of conduct by any jurisdiction? (Emphasis
added).

(9) **Have you ever been sanctioned** or placed on probation by any jurisdiction?
(Emphasis added).

1 (10) Are you currently awaiting trial, under indictment, have been convicted of,
2 pled no contest or guilty to any **felony** or a **misdemeanor** other than a minor
3 traffic offense (**a DUI is not a minor traffic offense**) or ever entered into a
4 diversion program instead of prosecution, including any convictions that
5 have been expunged, pardoned or deleted? (If yes please include your
detailed written narrative of events, the status of resolution, or expected
resolution date. Additionally, submit a copy of any and all police records
and court records.)(Emphasis in the original).

6 5. Upon information and belief, Respondent most recently worked as a
7 psychologist with Community Health Associates (“CAA”), located in Yuma, AZ. On or about
8 August 4, 2022, Mr. Chris Weisling, an attorney with CAA, contacted Board staff to inform
9 them that Respondent had been terminated from CAA. According to Mr. Weisling, Respondent
10 was terminated when it was discovered that his Colorado license to practice psychology was
11 summarily suspended on January 22, 2021, and subsequently revoked on December 2, 2021.

12 6. Upon information and belief, the basis for Colorado’s disciplinary action against
13 Respondent included his falsification of the application and for providing services to a client
14 without adequate education and training to practice as a psychologist.

15 7. According to the Colorado Order of Summary Suspension, dated January 22,
16 2021, on August 25, 2018, Respondent submitted his 2018 Candidate Application in which he
17 misrepresented his educational credentials by falsely attesting to having a doctoral degree and
18 falsely attesting to the number and level of his professional licenses in other states. Similarly,
19 on September 19, 2018, Respondent submitted his Psychologist Application in which he
20 misrepresented his educational credentials by falsely attesting to having a doctoral degree and
21 falsely attesting to the number and level of his professional licenses in other states. The same
misrepresentations occurred on subsequent renewal applications.

22 8. In addition, on or about April 27, 2016, Respondent was issued his Certificate of
23 Clearance by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, which allowed him to work
24 as a certified teacher in the State of California. According to records contained in the Board’s
25 files, the Commission on Teacher Credentialing revoked Respondent’s teaching credentials
26 because of misconduct, effective September 12, 2021.

1 9. Upon information and belief, this misconduct is related to Respondent’s criminal
2 history. According to records in the Board’s possession, Respondent’s criminal history includes
3 a 2004 misdemeanor conviction of grand theft; a 2005 misdemeanor conviction of vandalism
4 and a 2020 conviction of disturbs by loud/unreasonable noise. A conviction of grand theft
5 constitutes a crime involving moral turpitude.

6 10. Respondent’s “NO” answer to question no. (10) is misleading, deceitful and
7 constitutes a misrepresentation to the Board. Respondent denied having a criminal history,
8 however, the evidence demonstrates the opposite is true.

9 11. Given the above, Respondent’s “NO” answers to questions (4), (6), (8), (9) and
10 (10) are untruthful, deceitful, and constitute a misrepresentation to the Board.

11 12. During the August 25, 2022, proceeding, Respondent testified at one time that
12 he was unaware of the Colorado Board’s disciplinary action against him, only to acknowledge
13 later that he was aware of the discipline. He further stated that he did not understand the
14 Colorado Board’s allegations against him so he let his attorney handle it and therefore, was not
15 paying as much attention to the matter as he should have. Respondent asserted that his
16 misrepresentations on the application constitute “careless errors” due to his “lack of attention to
17 detail” rather than an intent to deceive. Respondent also testified that his criminal history only
18 consisted of “arrests” and that he was never convicted of any crime and that all the charges were
19 “dismissed”. Based upon the evidence before it, the Board found many of Respondent’s
20 statements to be untrue.

21 13. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(n), unprofessional conduct is defined as
22 “Unprofessional conduct in another jurisdiction that resulted in censure, probation or a civil
23 penalty or in the denial, suspension, restriction or revocation of a certificate or license to
24 practice as a psychologist.”

25 14. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(m), unprofessional conduct is defined as “using
26 fraud, misrepresentation or deception to obtain or attempt to obtain a psychology license or to
pass or attempt to pass a psychology licensing examination or in assisting another person to do
so.”

1 15. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(i), unprofessional conduct is defined, in part, as
2 “committing a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude...conviction by a court of competent
3 jurisdiction or a plea of no contest is conclusive evidence of the commission.”

4 16. Pursuant to A.R.S. §32-2061(j), unprofessional conduct is defined, in part, as
5 “making a fraudulent or untrue statement to the board or its investigators, staff or consultants.”

6 17. The Board finds that the above Interim Findings of Fact require emergency
7 action to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

INTERIM CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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9 18. The conduct set forth in the above Interim Findings of Fact constitutes
10 unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(j), which is making a fraudulent or
11 untrue statement to the board or its investigators, staff or consultants.

12 19. The conduct set forth in the above Interim Findings of Fact constitutes
13 unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(m), which is “using fraud,
14 misrepresentation or deception to obtain or attempt to obtain a psychology license or to pass or
15 attempt to pass a psychology licensing examination or in assisting another person to do so.”

16 20. The conduct set forth in the above Interim Findings of Fact constitutes
17 unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(n), which is “Unprofessional
18 conduct in another jurisdiction that resulted in censure, probation or a civil penalty or in the
19 denial, suspension, restriction or revocation of a certificate or license to practice as a
20 psychologist.”

21 21. The conduct set forth in the above Interim Findings of Fact constitutes
22 unprofessional conduct as defined by A.R.S. §32-2061(16)(i), which is “committing a
23 misdemeanor involving moral turpitude...conviction by a court of competent jurisdiction or a
24 plea of no contest is conclusive evidence of the commission.”

FINDINGS OF EMERGENCY AND ORDER

25 Based on the Interim Findings of Fact and the Interim Conclusions of Law as set forth
26 above, the Board finds that the public health, welfare and safety require emergency action.


1 **NOW IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that License No. 005463, issued to Keever K.
2 Czlapinski is hereby **SUMMARILY SUSPENDED** effective upon service of this Order,
3 pending a formal hearing pursuant to Title 41, chapter 6, article 10.

4 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that such suspension shall remain in effect until the
5 conclusion of the formal hearing to be set in approximately thirty-five (35) days and a final
6 decision and order issued by the Board.

7 Service of this Order is effective upon either personal delivery or the date of mailing, by
8 U.S. certified mail, addressed to Respondent's last known address of record with the board. See
9 A.R.S. § 32-1855(I).

10 ISSUED THIS **25** DAY of AUGUST, 2022.

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12 ARIZONA BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGIST EXAMINERS

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14 By: 
15 Heidi Herbst Paakkonen
Executive Director

16 Original "Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law And Summary Suspension of License"
17 filed electronically this **25** day of August, 2022 with:

18 The Arizona State Board of Psychologist Examiners
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20 Copy of the foregoing "Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law And Summary Suspension
21 of License" sent via certified mail # **9489009000276379774708**, return receipt requested,
this **25** day of August, 2022 to:

22 Keever K. Czlapinski
23 Address of Record
Respondent

24 Copy of the foregoing "Interim Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law And Summary Suspension
25 of License" sent via email this **25** day of August, 2022 to:

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