

**BEFORE THE MINNESOTA
BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY**

In the Matter of the License of
Richard T. Colund, M.A., L.P.
License Number: LP2178

**ORDER FOR
TEMPORARY SUSPENSION
OF LICENSE**

The Minnesota Board of Psychology (“Board”) is authorized pursuant to Minnesota Statutes sections 148.88 to 148.98, 214.10, and 214.103 to license and regulate psychologists, to refer complaints against psychologists to the Attorney General for investigation, and to take disciplinary action when appropriate. In addition, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 148.941, subd. 3, the Board is authorized to temporarily suspend the credentials of a licensee if, after a preliminary inquiry, the Board reasonably believes that the licensee has violated a statute or rule that the Board is empowered to enforce and continued practice by the licensee would create an imminent risk of harm to others. The authority to investigate complaints, initiate temporary suspension hearings, and file contested case proceedings has been delegated to the Board’s Complaint Resolution Committee (“Committee”).

FINDINGS

1. On February 24, 2012, Richard T. Colund, M.A., L.P. (“Respondent”) was charged in Carver County District Court with two felony counts of Criminal Sexual Conduct in the Third Degree. The criminal complaint alleges that Respondent sexually assaulted a client during a therapeutic session.

2. The Committee received credible information that Respondent has violated one or more statutes or rules that the Board has authority to enforce, including Minnesota Statutes section 148.941, subd. 2(a)(1), (2), (3); and Minnesota Rules 7200.4900, subs. 7a and 8.

3. After preliminary inquiry, the Committee reasonably believes that Respondent has violated a statute or rule that the Board is empowered to enforce and continued practice by Respondent would create an imminent risk of harm to others.

CONCLUSIONS

1. The Committee reasonably believes that Respondent has violated statutes which the Board is empowered to enforce.

2. Respondent's continued practice would create an imminent risk of harm to others.

3. A temporary suspension of Respondent's license is warranted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 148.941, subd. 3.

Accordingly, the Board issues the following:

ORDER

1. Respondent's license to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota is **TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED** pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 148.941, subd. 3. During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not practice psychology in any manner, shall neither offer nor provide psychological services of any kind within Minnesota, and shall cease and desist from the use of the designation "Licensed Psychologist," "LP," or any other designation that implies that Respondent is eligible to practice psychology in the State of Minnesota.

2. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as the Board issues a final decision in this matter.

3. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 148.941, subd. 3(c), Respondent is hereby notified that he has the right to request a hearing in this matter.

4. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 148.941, subd. 3, the Board shall schedule a hearing to be held before its own members which shall begin no later than 60 days after issuance of this Order for Temporary Suspension of License, or within 15 working days of the date of the Board's receipt of a request for a hearing by Respondent. The sole issue of the hearing is whether there is a reasonable basis to continue, modify, or lift the temporary suspension. The hearing is not subject to chapter 14. Evidence presented by the Board or Respondent shall be in affidavit form only. Respondent or counsel of record may appear for oral argument.

5. Within five working days of the hearing, the Board shall issue its order and, if the suspension is continued, schedule a contested case hearing within 30 days of the issuance of the order.

Dated: February 29, 2012

MINNESOTA BOARD OF
PSYCHOLOGY

By: Angelina M. Barnes
ANGELINA M. BARNES
Executive Director