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## **ENCINITAS MASSAGE HEIGHTS MASSAGE PARLOR ACCUSED OF IGNORING CONVICTED SEX OFFENDER'S HISTORY OF SEXUAL ABUSE IN LAWSUIT**

### ***Massage parlor chain rocked by sexual abuse allegations nationwide.***

Attorneys representing the alleged victim of a massage therapist convicted of sexual assault filed a motion in San Diego Superior Court accusing Massage Heights of ignoring their employee's history of sexual misconduct.

[For motion click here.](#)

The motion alleges that Massage Heights knew, or should have known, that massage therapist George Washington Lindsey III had been fired by another massage parlor chain, Massage Envy, for gross sexual misconduct.

In a sworn declaration, Lindsey stated "The manager that hired me at Massage Heights, Encinitas knew I had worked at Massage Envy, Rancho Bernardo because I had worked with her at Massage Envy, Rancho Bernardo, prior to my applying at Massage Heights, Encinitas

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The lawsuit alleges that Lindsey sexually assaulted a patron of Massage Heights, forcibly giving her oral sex and grabbing her throat in a threatening manner when she resisted.

In February, a jury convicted Lindsey of sexual battery for this attack.

During his trial, a witness came forward and accused Lindsey of sexually molesting her while she was a client of his at Massage Envy.

"George Washington Lindsey III is now a convicted sex offender due to his assault on my client. Massage Heights failed to disclose Lindsey's prior record of abuse, harassment and molestation to my client and law enforcement. Although they profess to conduct full background checks on their employees, Massage

Heights did not even bother to call Mr. Lindsey's previous employer, Massage Envy Encinitas even though one of their managers knew he had worked there and may have known he was fired for gross sexual misconduct. If they had done so, my client might never have been attacked," said victim's attorney Morgan Stewart, a partner in Manly, Stewart & Finaldi.

A statement released by their public relations firm said, "Massage Heights Franchises has a zero-tolerance policy against inappropriate behavior including sexual misconduct and upon learning of the allegations the local franchisee immediately terminated the massage therapist's employment and is fully cooperating with the authorities in the investigation."

This statement is at odds with allegations of sexual assault against therapists at Massage Heights franchises throughout the Nation. Within the last two years, Massage Heights therapists have been arrested for sexual assaults in Nevada, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Orange County, Encinitas, and Davis, California.

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Manly, Stewart & Finaldi is California's leading law firm representing child victims of sexual abuse. The firm has represented more than 150 victims of clergy sexual abuse in California and hundreds of others throughout the United States. The firm also represented plaintiffs in the \$140,000,000 settlement against LAUSD in the Miramonte case, the largest sex abuse settlement against a School District in the US.