

At the Golden Body Spa, the massages (and more) are no more

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SAN MARCOS -- The door has closed for good on the Golden Body Spa, the hair salon and massage parlor that authorities said was a front for a house of prostitution.

A city hearing officer in late July had revoked the establishment's business license. But the owner, through her attorney, had indicated she would appeal that decision to the City Council and through the courts in an attempt to reopen the business.

However, City Attorney Ken Lounsbery said yesterday that the owner, Danielle Eglesias, and her attorney, Michael Crowley, have agreed not to appeal the decision or seek legal action against the city. Eglesias also has agreed not to reopen the business.

In exchange, Lounsbery said, the city has agreed not to pursue two municipal code violations: one for doing business without the proper license and the other for employing a person who was not properly licensed.

Lounsbery said Eglesias improperly listed the establishment as a hair salon on the business license, with the massage operation as "an incidental." Massage requires a special permit.

The massage business was only an incidental part of what sheriff's undercover deputies said was really a prostitution operation.

One of the women Eglesias employed as a masseuse was not properly licensed by the state, Lounsbery said.

"This essentially closes out the entire case," Lounsbery said. "The purpose of the city's action was to get rid of an illegal business, and we have achieved that."

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Abstract (Document Summary)

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