

BEFORE THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the matter of Permanent License Number 115228 issued to DARLENE CARROLL

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Darlene Carroll 2215 Maple Street Waco, Texas 76707

The Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in and for the State of Texas, held a scheduled hearing on the 26th day of April, 1988, to determine whether cause exists under Article 4528c, V.A.C.S., to suspend or revoke license number 115228, heretofore issued to DARLENE CARROLL.

At the Hearing, Mrs. Adelia D. Miller, R.N., Acting President of the Board, presided and the following members were present:

> Mrs. Dorothy Harris, LVN Mrs. Lola Marie Mills, LVN Mrs. Sharon Johnson, LVN Mrs. Kathleen Hardy, LVN Mrs. Annie Mae Parker, LVN Mrs. Mary Suzanne Wilkinson, LVN Mrs. Virginia M. Bauman

The Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas was represented by Ms. Susan Henricks, Attorney at Law. Testimony and other evidence was received by the Board and, as a result thereof, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Re: DARLENE CARROLL, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

That Respondent is a vocational nurse licensed by the State of Texas and holds license number 115228.

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- 2. That a sworn complaint was filed with the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in accordance with Article 4528c, Section 10 (d) of the Vocational Nurse Act.
- 3. That Notice of Hearing and Complaint were sent to Respondent in accordance with Article 6252-13a, of the Administrative Procedure Act, as amended.
- 4. That Respondent was present before the Board.
- 5. That Respondent was not represented by counsel.
- 6. That on or about September 25, 1987, Respondent was convicted of the felony offense of Theft over \$750.00, in the District Court, 54th Judicial District, McLennan County, Texas, Cause No. 87-649-C.
- 7. That as a result of said conviction, Respondent was placed on probation for a period of eight (8) years, effective about January 15, 1988, and ordered to make full restitution in the amount of \$6,483.48.
- 8. That during the commission of said offense, on or about June 1, 1987, Respondent unlawfully acquired and exercised control over property, to-wit: United States Currency, of the value of more than \$750.00 and less than \$20,000.00 from Linda Schirpik without the effective consent of Linda Schirpik, the owner thereof.
- 9. That said conviction is inconsistent with the basic duties and responsibilities inherent in the occupation of vocational nursing in that said occupation requires the maintenance of accurate records and safeguarding personal property of the patient and employer.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. That Respondent has violated the Vocational Hurse Act or rule, regulation or order issued under the Act, contrary to Article 4528c, Section 10 (a) (1), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.
- 2. That Respondent has been convicted of a crime of the grade of felony or a crime of a lesser grade which involves moral turpitude, in violation of Article 4528c, Section 10 (a) (3), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.
- 3. That Respondent has engaged in unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public, in violation of Article 4528c, Section 10 (a) (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas.
- 4. That Respondent's conviction for the felony offense of Theft is a crime that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation of vocational nursing under Article 6252-13c, Section 4 (a), and in violation of Board Rule 231.81 (L) (i).

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that License Number 115228, heretofore issued to DARLENE CARROLL, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be and same is hereby suspended, suspension stayed and placed on probation for a period of time to run concurrent with her court ordered probation currently in effect until about January 15, 1996.

The probation of said license shall be subject to the following. to-wit:

- 1. That Respondent must make full resitution as ordered by the court.
- 2. That Respondent shall cause her probation officer to submit satisfactory reports to the Board Office on a quarterly basis for the term of her probation.
- 2. That should Respondent be discharged from probation prior to January 15, 1996 Respondent shall cause her probation officer to submit a final satisfactory report to the Board Office at that time.

That said reports are due on the following dates, to-wit:

July 25 - 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 October 25 - 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 January 25, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996 April 25, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995

- 3. That any period(s) of unemployment must be documented in writing by Respondent and submitted to the Board Office throughout the term of probation.
- 4. That if Respondent's name, address, or telephone number changes, Respondent is to notify the Board Office immediately.
- 5. That Respondent shall conduct herself in conformity with this order snall conform to all laws of the State of Texas, the Vocational Nurse Act and the Rules and Regulations of the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners.
- 6. That failure to comply with conditions of probation will result in further disciplinary action by the Board.

Entered this the $\frac{29^{4}}{}$ day of April, 1988.

JOYCE A. HAMMER, R.N.

Executive Director

Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners

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SWORN AND SUBSCRIBED to before me, the undersigned authority, on this the \mathcal{BACR} day of April, 1988.

NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

Linda Rae Kent

My Commission Expires 10-24-89.

Certificate to Order of the Board In the matter of Vocational Nurse License No. 115228 Issued to DARLENE CARROLL

The aforementioned Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order of the Board represent a final decision or Order duly made by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners in and for the State of Texas on this the 26th day of April, 1988.

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BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

STATE OF TEXAS

vs.

DARLENE CARROLL

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

AGREED BOARD ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of vocational nurse license number 115228 held by DARLENE CARROLL, hereinafter called Respondent.

By letter, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners sent preliminary notice to Respondent of its intent to take disciplinary action with respect to said license held by Respondent, as a result of a complaint and subsequent investigation. Said investigation produced evidence indicating that Respondent has engaged in unprofessional or dishonorable conduct that, in the opinion of the Board, is likely to deceive, defraud, or injure the public, in violation of Article 4528c, Section 10 (a) (9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, in the following manner:

I.

a. Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse at Lake Shore Village Healthcare Center in Waco, Texas, from about December 19, 1994 through about April 16, 1996.

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b. While so employed with said facility on or about April 4, 1996, Respondent failed to take the 6 a.m. Glucometer Blood Sugar readings of resident's assigned to her care. Furthermore, Respondent administered insulin to residents without knowledge of the resident's blood sugar levels. Subsequently, resident M.B. sustain an insulin reaction.

By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent neither admits nor denies the truth of the matters previously set out in this Order with respect to the above mentioned investigation. By Respondent's signature on this Order, Respondent acknowledges that they have read and understood this Order and have approved it for consideration by the Board.

By their notarized signature on this Order, Respondent does hereby waive the right to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing and a Public Hearing held before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings, and to judicial review of this disciplinary action. Notice of this disciplinary action will appear in the Board's newsletter sent to Texas employers.

ORDER OF THE BOARD

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that license number 115228, heretofore issued to DARLENE CARROLL, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby suspended, with said suspension stayed and placed on probation for a period of six (6) months.

The probation of said license is subject to the following stipulations, to wit:

1. That if Respondent's place of employment, name, address or telephone number changes, Respondent is to notify the Board office immediately, or no later than ten (10) days after said change has occurred. Said notification shall be in the form of a written letter or report.

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- 2. That Respondent shall comply with Federal, State, and local laws, and all the provisions of the Vocational Nurse Act and Rules and Regulations of the Board.
- 3. That by copy of this Board Order, Respondent shall provide notice of Board disciplinary action to his/her <u>immediate nursing supervisor(s) and Director(s) of Nursing</u>, throughout the term of probation.
- 4. That Respondent shall be responsible for causing his/her immediate nursing supervisor(s) to submit satisfactory reports directly to the Board office on a monthly basis for the first three (3) months of probation. Thereafter, and throughout the remainder of said probation, Respondent shall be responsible for causing his/her immediate nursing supervisor(s) to submit satisfactory reports directly to the Board office on a quarterly basis. The receipt of an unfavorable and/or untimely report shall be considered a violation of probation.
- 5. That <u>any period(s) of nursing unemployment</u> must be documented in writing by Respondent and submitted to the Board office, as provided in Stipulation No. four (4).
- 6. That Respondent shall work only under the supervision of a licensed medical professional (M.D., R.N., L.V.N.) who is physically present on the work premises during Respondent's shift assignment(s), throughout the term of probation.
- 7. That Respondent shall not be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, home health agency, or as a private duty nurse, throughout the term of probation.
- 8. That Respondent shall not work in the position of nurse supervisor throughout the term of probation.
- 9. That Respondent shall successfully complete nursing program course(s) encompassing the following areas of study: Pharmacology (Review with Medication Administration) (at least 16 hours in length with focus on Insulin Administration), Legal Aspects of Nursing (to include Charting, & Patient Confidentiality) (at least 8 hours in length), and submit documentation of successful course completion to the Board office prior to the end of probation. Respondent shall be responsible for locating said course(s) and obtaining prior written approval of Board staff prior to committing to said course(s). Said course(s) shall be correspondence (through a recognized provider), in-house at a community college, university or nursing program, and/or tutored by a state approved, licensed nursing program faculty member. The expense of said course(s) shall be borne by Respondent. Failure to successfully complete said course(s) within the time-frame stipulated, shall be considered a violation of probation.

This Agreed Order shall not be effective or take effect and become enforceable in accordance with its terms until endorsed by a majority of the Board present and voting, at its next regularly called session.

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Dated this the 27 day of 1997. Area Code and Telephone Number The State of Texas
County of Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared DARLENE CARROLL, who being duly sworn by me stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained, and that he or she understood same. SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me on this the 27 day of Jau W. F. MILLER NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR MY COMMISSION DOT THE STATE OF TEXAS Morch 19, 2001 My Commission Expires Marjorie A. Bronk, R.N Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, the undersigned authority, on this the WINDA RAE KON NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS JAK . AGREED BOARD ORDER

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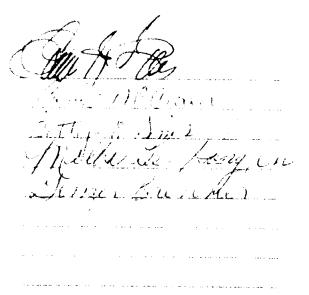
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ENDORSEMENT OF THE BOARD
To The Agreed Board Order
in the matter of Vocational Nurse
License No. 115228
Issued to Darlene Carroll

At its regularly called session, on the 11th day of March, 1997, came on to be considered the indicated Agreed Board Order pertaining to Darlene Carroll. The Board having reviewed the contents of said Order, the Order should be, and is hereby, endorsed as an Order of the Board and made an official act of the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.

Said Order is rendered on this the lith day of March, 1997.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the price day of march, 1997.

a true and correct copy of the foregoing Order was served by placement in the

U.S. Mail, first class, and addressed to the following person(s):

DARLENE CARROLL 1324 N. 9TH ST. WACO, TX 76708

Marjorie A. Bronk RN

Executive Director

Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners



BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

333 GUADALUPE STREET, SUITE 3-400 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701 512/305-8100

September 19, 1997

DARLENE CARROLL 1324 N 9TH ST WACO TX 76708

Dear Ms. Carroll:

You have successfully completed your term of probation as stipulated by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners.

All pertinent information will remain in your permanent records. We urge you in the future to promote and uphold the ethical standards a Licensed Vocational Nurse should practice.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hudson
Investigator