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Patricia Chism
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse §
License Number 177446 §
issued to TONYA DEE GRIFFIN §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 177446, issued to TONYA DEE GRIFFIN, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is in delinquent status.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Lamar University, Port Arthur, Texas, on August 18, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 28, 2000.
4. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
5. Formal Charges were filed on March 7, 2012. A copy of the Formal Charges is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.
6. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on March 8, 2012.

7. On May 2, 2012, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated May 2, 2012, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Section 301.452(b)(3),(4)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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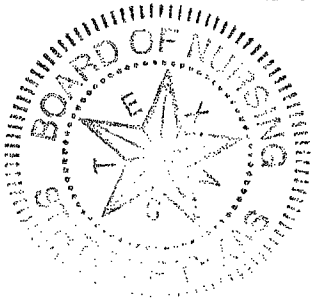
ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 177446, heretofore issued to TONYA DEE GRIFFIN, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of vocational nurse or the abbreviation LVN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 8th day of May, 2012.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Katherine A. Thomas'.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN
Executive Director on behalf
of said Board

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Number 177446, Issued to §
TONYA DEE GRIFFIN, Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, TONYA DEE GRIFFIN, AKA, TONYA FEAGIN GRIFFIN, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 177446, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about August 25, 2010 Respondent plead guilty to the offense of "Driving While Intoxicated with Child Passenger," a State Jail Felony (committed on January 5, 2010) in the 252nd District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, under cause number 10-08387. Respondent was sentenced to two (2) years confinement in the State Jail Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The imposition of the confinement was suspended and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years and ordered to pay a fine and court costs. On or about October 26, 2010, Respondent's probation sentence was revoked and she was sentenced to two (2) years confinement in the State Jail Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3),(4)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13). Moreover, the above offense mandates revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in accordance with Section 53.021 of the Texas Occupations Code.

CHARGE II.

On or about October 26, 2010, Respondent plead guilty to the offense of "Driving While Intoxicated with Child Passenger," a State Jail Felony (committed on September 30, 2010) in the 252nd District Court of Jefferson County, Texas, under cause number 10-10345. Respondent was sentenced to two (2) years confinement in the State Jail Division, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, and ordered to pay court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13). Moreover, the above offense mandates revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in accordance with Section 53.021 of the Texas Occupations Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33 and TEX. OCC. CODE Ch. 53. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

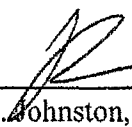
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

Filed this 7th day of March, 2012

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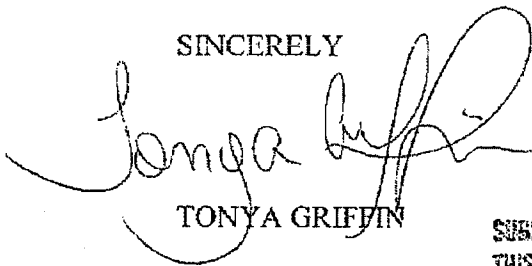
TO THE TEXAS STATE NURSING BOARD

MAY 2, 2012

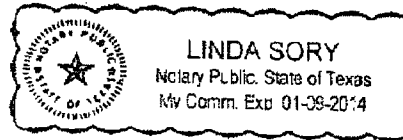
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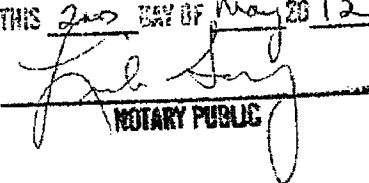
I, TONYA GRIFFIN, AM NOTIFYING YOU TO VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER MY TEXAS STATE NURSING LICENSE. I TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS AND DO NOT DENY THE CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST ME. I HAVE ALREADY SERVED MY TIME IN JAIL (9 ½ MONTHS) AND HAVE PAID MY FINES. I AM ALSO ENROLLED IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM, WHICH I WILL COMPLETE ON MAY 9, 2012. I HOPE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR REINSTATEMENT OF MY LICENSE IN THE FUTURE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN ACKNOWLEDGING THIS MATTER.

SINCERELY



TONYA GRIFFIN



SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME
THIS 2nd DAY OF May 2012

NOTARY PUBLIC