In the Matter of
Permanent Vocational Nurse
License Number 200992
Issued to ANTHONY HOWARD CANTRELL,
Respondent

BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING



ORDER OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

TO: ANTHONY HOWARD CANTRELL 923 N. ALAMO ROAD ROCKWALL, TX 75087

A public meeting of the Texas Board of Nursing was held on July 9, 2012, at 333 Guadalupe, Room 3-460, Austin, Texas, in which the Temporary Suspension of Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 200992, issued to ANTHONY HOWARD CANTRELL was considered pursuant to Section 301.455, Texas Occupations Code. Staff of the Texas Board of Nursing appeared and presented information and evidence concerning the conduct of ANTHONY HOWARD CANTRELL and whether his continued practice as a nurse would constitute a continuing and imminent threat to the public welfare.

After review and due consideration of the evidence and information presented, the Board finds that the following charges are substantiated:

On or about June 25, 2012, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Summit Specialist of Pain, LLC, Rowlett, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that he was found unconscious with a tourniquet around his arm and needle sticking out of his arm, while on duty and assigned to patient care. Respondent's condition could have affected his ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected his ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

Further, on or about June 25, 2012, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Summit Specialist of Pain, LLC, Rowlett, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of

Propofol in that he admitted to co-workers that he had misappropriated Propofol from the "crash

cart" and self-administered it while on duty and assigned to patient care. Unlawful possession of

Propofol is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances

Act). The use of Propofol by a Licensed Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could

impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients condition,

and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments,

judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

The Texas Board of Nursing further finds that, given the nature of the charges, the continued

practice of nursing by ANTHONY HOWARD CANTRELL constitutes a continuing and imminent

threat to public welfare and that the temporary suspension of Permanent Vocational Nurse License

Number 200992, is justified pursuant to Section 301.455, TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number

200992, issued to ANTHONY HOWARD CANTRELL, to practice nursing in the State of Texas

be, and the same is/are, hereby SUSPENDED IMMEDIATELY in accordance with Section 301.455,

TEXAS OCCUPATIONS CODE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a probable cause hearing be conducted in accordance with

Section 301.455(c) not later than seventeen (17) days following the date of the entry of this order,

and a final hearing on the matter be conducted in accordance with 301.455(d) not later than the 61st

day following the date of the entry of this order.

Entered this _____ day of ____

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

THERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the Matter of Permanent License

Number 200992, Issued to

ANTHONY HOWARD CANTRELL, Respondent

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FIRST AMENDED FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, ANTHONY HOWARD CANTRELL, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 200992, which is in current 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 December 4, 2009, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Willowbend Care Center, Mesquite, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that he showed signs of impaired behavior to include: slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and stumbling gait. Respondent's condition could have affected his ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected his ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A)&(B),(4)&(5).

CHARGE II.

On or about December 5, 2009, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Willowbend Care Center, Mesquite, Texas, Respondent misappropriated five (5) vials of Lorazepam 2mg from the facility and patients thereof, or failed to take precautions to prevent such misappropriation in that when Respondent was arrested by the Rockwall Police Department, Rockwall, Texas, the arresting Police Officer removed five (5) empty vials of Lorazepam 2mg from his person and his car. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients of the cost of the medications.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A)&(B),(6)(G)&(8).

CHARGE III.

On or about June 25, 2012, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Summit Pain Specialist of Pain, LLC, Rowlett, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that he was found unconscious with a tourniquet around and needle sticking out of his arm, while on duty and

assigned to patient care. Respondent's condition could have affected his ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), (12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$\$217.11(1)(B)&(1)(T) and 217.12(1)(A), (B)&(E), (4)&(5)

CHARGE IV.

On or about June 25, 2012, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Summit Specialist of Pain, LLC, Rowlett, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Propofol in that he admitted to co-workers that he had misappropriated Propofol from the "crash cart" and self-administered it to himself while on duty and assigned to patient care. Unlawful possession of Propofol is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Propofol by a Licensed Vocational Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE \$217.12(1)(A)&(B),(4),(5),(8),(10)(A)&(11)(B).

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. 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 and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, for Fraud, Theft and Deception, 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 5th

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