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*Patricia P. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse                   §  
License Number 42736                                   §  
issued to JOYCE EVELYN LINSON                   §

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 42736, issued to JOYCE EVELYN LINSON, 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 is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Greenville Vocational Nursing School, Greenville, Texas, on September 4, 1968. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on July 26, 1969
4. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about August 11, 1999, Respondent pled Guilty and was convicted of POSSESSION MARIHUANA 0-2 OZ, a misdemeanor offense committed on July 20, 1999, in the County Court At Law No. 6, Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 731158. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Bexar County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

6. On or about September 10, 2007, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document to the Board of Nurse Examiners in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that Respondent answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been convicted, placed on community supervision whether or not adjudicated guilty, sentenced to serve jail or prison time or granted pre-trial diversion, or plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, or received a court order whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without a finding of guilt. Please note that DUIs, DWIs, and PIs must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] does not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIP's or MICs, you must answer "Yes." You may answer "No" if you have previously disclosed a criminal matter otherwise responsive to this question in a renewal and/or licensure form.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about September 6, 2007, Respondent was arrested by the Kirby Police Department, San Antonio, Texas, for DRIVING WHILE LICENSE INVALID (a Class B misdemeanor offense). On or about September 11, 2007, prosecution rejected the charge without a pre-trial diversion.

7. On November 18, 2011, 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 November 17, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein, by reference, as part of this Order.
8. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
9. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

#### 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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

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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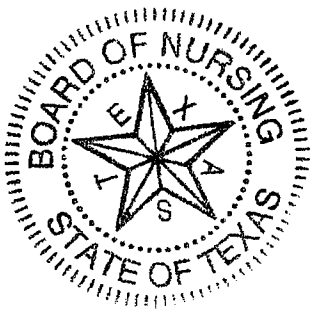
ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 42736, heretofore issued to JOYCE EVELYN LINSON, 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 12th day of January 2012.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:

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

JOYCE EVELYN LINSON  
10131 Silver Branch  
San Antonio, Texas 78254  
Texas LVN License #42736

Voluntary Surrender Statement

November 4, 2011

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a vocational nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature

Date

Texas Nursing License Number/s

*Joyce E. Linson*

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The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared JOYCE EVELYN LINSON, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 17 day of November, 2011.

SEAL

*Cristina Ramirez*  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

