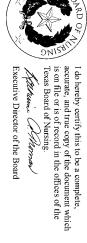


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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 680232 issued to MATEO JAIME GRIMALDO



ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 680232, issued to MATEO JAIME GRIMALDO, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 2. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Methodist Hospital, Lubbock, Texas, on June 1, 2001. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 31, 2001.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 5. On or about March 7, 2004, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document for Registered Nurses and Registered Nurses with Advanced Practice Authorization to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas for the State of Texas, in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information in that he answered "No" to the question: "Since issuance or last renewal, have you plead guilty (including no contest plea), been found guilty or convicted of any felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation? (Note: DWI or DUI, including first offenses, are not considered minor traffic violations.)"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about October 2, 2002, Respondent plead Guilty and was convicted of OBSTRUCTING ROADWAY, an offense committed on March 14, 2001, in the County Court of Terry County, Texas, under Cause No. 24190.

- 6. In response to Finding of Fact Number Five (5), Respondent states: He did not disclose the offense, because he misunderstood the language in the application in effect at that time.
- 7. On November 21, 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 21, 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(23)(effective 2/01/04-09/27/04).
- 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 Registered Nurse License Number 680232, heretofore issued to MATEO JAIME GRIMALDO, to practice professional 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 professional nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying himself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered 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; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
- 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this <u>13th</u> day of January, 2012.

By:

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

of said Board

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November 21, 2011

Barbara Darling
Texas Board of Nursing
Enforcement Division
333 Guadalupe Street, Suite 3-460
Austin, TX 78701

Re: Mateo Jaime Grimaldo, RN # 680232

SSN: 451-75-8413 DOB: 03/14/1980

Dear Ms. Darling:

Please accept this letter as Mateo Jaime Grimaldo's official notice to the Texas Board of Nursing of his decision to surrender his license. As shown below, he has executed this agreement and it has been notarized as required by the Board's regulations. If any questions arise, please contact this office.

Sincerely yours,

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and subscribed before me on the 21st day of November, 2011, by

Notary Public, State of Texas