IN THE MATTER OF	§ 8	BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE	у § 8	AND DISCIPLINARY
NUMBER 100598	8 8 8	COMMITTEE
ISSUED TO	8 §	OF THE TEXAS
BETTY C. WILKERSON	§ §	BOARD OF NURSING

### ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Betty C. Wilkerson

1166 Old Country Rd. Moody, TX 76557

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the ZZ Texas Board of Nursing.

Executive Director of the Board

proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached

hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of

revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given

an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have

a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically

adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 100598,

previously issued to BETTY C. WILKERSON, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas

be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER 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.

Entered this 14th day of February, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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Attachment:

Formal Charge filed December 19, 2011.

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 100598
Issued to Betty C. Wilkerson
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the Entered this <u>lundary</u> day of <u>February</u>, 2012, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

Betty C. Wilkerson 1166 Old Country Rd. Moody, TX 76557

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director

December 21, 2011

Certified Mail No.

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Return Receipt Requested

Betty C. Wilkerson 1166 Old Country Road Moody, Texas 76557

Dear Ms. Wilkerson:

Enclosed are Formal Charges which have been filed against you alleging one or more violations of Section 301.452(b) of the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code. Within three weeks of the date of this letter, you must file a written answer to each charge admitting or denying each allegation. If you intend to deny only part of an allegation, you must specify so much of it as is true and deny only the remainder. Your answer shall also include any other matter, whether of law or fact, upon which you intend to rely for your defense. Please send your written answer to the attention of John De La Rosa, CFE, Investigator. You may obtain legal counsel at your own expense.

FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THE FORMAL CHARGES, EITHER PERSONALLY OR BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, WILL RESULT IN THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FORMAL CHARGES BEING ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF WILL BE GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

Please be advised that should you fail to file a written answer, the case will proceed on a default basis and it will be staff's recommendation that a default order be entered revoking your license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The results of any default order or formal disposition (Board Order) are public information. Results of informal and formal dispositions will appear in the Board's newsletter under the heading of "Disciplinary Action."

Should you desire to discuss this matter, you may contact John De La Rosa, CFE, Investigator, Enforcement Division, at the above address, or at (512) 305-6873.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director

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Enclosure:

Formal Charges

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Members of the Board

In the Matter of Permanent License	· §	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Number 100598, Issued to	§	
BETTY C. WILKERSON, Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

#### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, BETTY C. WILKERSON, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 100598, 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 April 5, 2009, Respondent pled No Contest and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on August 14, 2008, in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, under Cause No. 08-58705. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine, court costs and restitution in the amount of two hundred thirteen dollars and seventy-six cents (\$213.76). Respondent failed to pay the ordered restitution, fine and court costs; therefore, Respondent has an outstanding warrant in Coryell County.

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(13).

#### CHARGE II.

On January 31, 2010, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document License Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense. Including those pending appeal:

- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- B. been convicted of a felony?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- D. received deferred adjudication?
- E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
- I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about April 5, 2009, Respondent pled No Contest and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on August 14, 2008, in the County Court at Law of Coryell County, Texas, under Cause No. 08-58705.

Respondent also failed to disclose that, on or about April 5, 2009, Respondent reported to the District Attorney's office, Waco, Texas, and entered a plea of not guilty to THEFT OF PROPERTY >\$20<\$500 BY CHECK, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on August 16, 2008, in the County Court No. 1, McLennan County, Texas under Cause No. 20093935CR1, and that the criminal charges were still pending at the time that Respondent submitted her Renewal to the Board.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

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, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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 Lying and Falsification, and for Fraud, Theft and Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html">www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html</a>.

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