

BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

STATE OF TEXAS

VS.

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REBA NELL ROCHA

COUNTY OF TRAVIS

AGREED BOARD ORDER

On this day came to be considered by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners the matter of REBA NELL ROCHA, an Applicant for Licensure by, examination hereinafter called Applicant.

By letter, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners sent preliminary notice to Applicant of its intent to take disciplinary action with respect to said Application for Licensure, as a result of a subsequent investigation. Said investigation produced evidence indicating that Applicant has been convicted of a crime of the grade of felony, in violation of Health Occupations Code, Chapter 302, Section 302.402 (a) (3) (A), in the following manner:

- a. On or about July 7, 1999, Applicant submitted her Application for Licensure by Examination to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. On said Application, Applicant answered "yes" to the question(s) asking: "Have you ever been convicted of a felony
- b. On or about September 4, 1992, Applicant was convicted of the Felony offense of: CONSPIRING TO BRING TO THE U.S. ILLEGAL ALIENS, in the United States District Court Western District of Texas, under Cause Number EP-92-121-H(2). As a result of said conviction; Applicant was imprisoned for seven (7) months and than placed on supervised release for a term of three (3) years.
- c. Applicant has been convicted of a crime, which the Board considers to be directly related to the duties and responsibilities of a License Vocational Nurse. Said conviction is inconsistent with the basic duties and responsibilities inherent in the occupation of vocational nursing in that said occupation requires the maintenance of accurate and complete records, and safeguarding property of the patient, client, and employer.

By Applicant's signature on this Order, Applicant neither admits nor denies the truth of the matters previously set out in this Order with respect to the above mentioned investigation. By Applicant's signature on this Order, Applicant acknowledges that they have read and understood this Order and have approved it for consideration by the Board.

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 Z Texas Board of Nursing.

Texas Board of Nursing.

Executive Director of the Board

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By their notarized signature on this Order, Applicant does hereby waive the right to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing, and a Public Hearing held before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings, and to judicial review of this disciplinary action. Notice of this disciplinary action will appear in the Board's newsletter sent to Texas employers.

ORDER OF THE BOARD

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that REBA NELL ROCHA is hereby allowed to take the examination for licensure, and upon obtaining a passing score, be issued a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas. Said license shall be suspended, with said suspension stayed and placed on probation for a period of one (1) year.

The probation of said license is subject to the following stipulations, to wit:

- 1. That is Applicant's place of employment, name, address or telephone number changes, Applicant is to notify the Board office immediately, or no later than ten (10) days after said change has occurred. Said notification shall be in the form of a written letter or report.
- 2. That Applicant shall comply with Federal, State, and local laws, and all the provisions of the Vocational Nurse Act and Rules and Regulations of the Board.
- 3. That by copy of this Board Order Applicant shall provide notice of Board disciplinary action to his/her immediate nursing supervisor(s) and Director(s) of Nursing, throughout the term of probation.
- 4. That Applicant shall be responsible for causing his/her <u>immediate nursing supervisor(s)</u> to submit satisfactory reports directly to the Board office on a <u>monthly</u> basis for the first three (3) months of probation. Thereafter, and throughout the remainder of said probation, Applicant shall be responsible for causing his/her <u>immediate nursing supervisor(s)</u> to submit satisfactory reports directly to the Board office on a quarterly.
- 5. That <u>any period(s) of nursing unemployment</u> must be documented in writing by Applicant and submitted to the Board office, as provided in Stipulation No. four (4).
- 6. That Applicant shall work only under the supervision of a licensed medical professional (M.D., R.N., L.V.N.) who is physically present on the work premises during Applicant's shift assignment(s), throughout the term of probation.

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- 7. That Applicant shall not be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, home health agency, or as a private duty nurse, throughout the term of probation.
- 8. That Respondent shall pay a Probation Monitoring fee in the amount of thirty (\$30.00) dollars in the form of a cashier's check or money order, payable to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners. Said fee shall be paid quarterly, due on the 15th of each quarter, commencing the quarter following the date of the Board's endorsement of the Order, and continuing thereafter until the successful completion of Respondent's probation. Said fee shall be sent to the Board office, addressed to the "Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-400, Austin, TX 78701". Failure by Respondent to make any quarterly payment on time shall constitute a violation of probation.

This Agreed Order shall not be effective or take effect and become enforceable in accordance with its terms until ratified by a majority of the Board present and voting, at its next regularly called session.

Dated this the 9^{th} day of Novem903 | 572-Area Code and Telephone Number

The State of Texas County of

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared REBA NELL ROCHA, who being duly sworn by me stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein

contained, and that he or sne understood same.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the grant day of grant day of grant day.

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Mary M. Strange, RN Agent for the Board of

Vocational Nurse Examiners

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before menthe undersigned authority, on this the of 1999.

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed order that was signed on the 9th day of November, 1999 by Reba Nell Rocha, Exam Applicant and that Said Order is Final.

Effective this 6th day of December, 1999.

Mary M. Strange, RN Executive Director

On Behalf of Said Board

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 10th day of December, 1999, a true and correct copy of the foregoing **BOARD ORDER** was served by placement in the U.S. Mail, first class, and addressed to the following person(s):

REBA NELL ROCHA RT 1 BOX 10 MT PLEASANT, TX 75455

Mary M Strange, RN Executive Director

Agent for the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners



BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSE EXAMINERS

333 GUADALUPE STREET, SUITE 3-400 AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701 512/305-8100

February 27, 2001

REBA ROCHA RT 1 BOX 10 MT PLEASANT TX 75455

Dear Ms. Rocha:

You have successfully completed your term of probation as stipulated by the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners.

All pertinent information will remain in your permanent records. We urge you in the future to promote and uphold the ethical standards a Licensed Vocational Nurse should practice.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Hudson

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Probation Monitor, Enforcement Division

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