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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse           §       AGREED  
License Number 142886                       §  
issued to DONNA RUTH DETHLEFSEN       §       ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DONNA RUTH DETHLEFSEN, Vocational Nurse License Number 142886, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4528c, Sec. 10(a) (9)(eff. date 9/1/1985), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on March 27, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Alvin Community College, Alvin, Texas, on May 18, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on August 30, 1993
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about April 5, 1993, Respondent submitted an Application for Licensure By Examination to the Board of Vocational Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that Respondent answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been convicted and/or pled guilty to a felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation? (If yes, attach certified copies of the charges and disposition papers, and your explanation of the circumstances.)"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about September 14, 1982, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of NEGOTIATING WORTHLESS INSTRUMENT. As a result, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about April 4, 1983, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of ATTEMPT TO POSSESS A FORGED INSTRUMENT, SECOND DEGREE (a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on July 7, 1982), in the Circuit Court, Clarke County, Alabama, under Case No. CC-82-199. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the County Jail for a period of one (1) year; however, the imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of one hundred seventy nine dollars and eighty three cents (\$179.83), along with a fine and court costs.

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about March 25, 1986, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to NEGOTIATING WORTHLESS INSTRUMENT. As a result, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine, court costs and restitution.

7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: When she applied for her license in May of 1993, she asked her instructors about reporting misdemeanors and they said only report felony charges.

#### 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 TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4528c, Sec. 10(9)(a)(eff. date 9/1/1985), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §231.81(6)(eff. date 1/1/1985).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations

Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 142886, heretofore issued to DONNA RUTH DETHLEFSEN, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved

provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:* <http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html>.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty (\$250) dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 30 day of Sept, 2011.

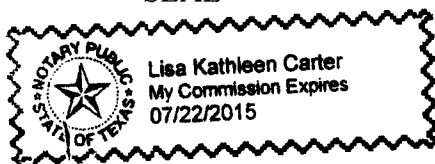
Donna Ruth Dethlefsen  
DONNA RUTH DETHLEFSEN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

Lisa K. Carter

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 30th day of September, 2011, by DONNA RUTH DETHLEFSEN, Vocational Nurse License Number 142886, and said Order is final.

Effective this 5th day of October, 2011.



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