

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE  
NUMBER 113253  
ISSUED TO  
GEORGEANNE LEIGH WARD

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY  
AND DISCIPLINARY  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE TEXAS  
BOARD OF NURSING



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 Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Patricia R. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: Georgeanne Leigh Ward  
123 South Greenbriar Road  
Whitney, Texas 76692

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, 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

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.

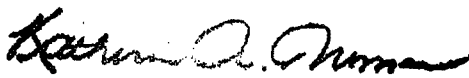
All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 113253, previously issued to Georgeanne Leigh Ward, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

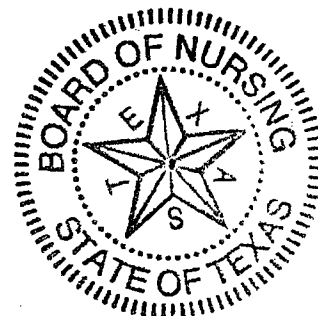
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed September 29, 2011.



Re: Permanent Certificate Number 113253  
Issued to Georgeanne Leigh Ward  
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011, 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):

Georgeanne Leigh Ward  
123 South Greenbriar Road  
Whitney, Texas 76692



BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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

In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS  
 Number 113253, Issued to §  
 GEORGEANNE LEIGH WARD, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

**FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, GEORGEANNE LEIGH WARD, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 113253, 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 November 19, 1997, Respondent was convicted in the Hillsboro County Court, Hillsboro, Texas, of the Class B Misdemeanor charge of THEFT OF SERV >=\$20<\$500 BY CHECK, under Cause Number M-0606-97. Respondent received a fine and court costs.

The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B)&(13), and TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. Art. 4528 (c), Section 10(a)(3)&(9)(eff. 9/1/97).

**CHARGE II.**

On or about September 22, 2007 through October 16, 2007, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Town Hall Estates Whitney Inc., Whitney, Texas, Respondent signed out Darvocet and Lorazepam for Residents B.L., C.P., and L.S., but failed to document, or accurately document the administration, including signs, symptoms and responses to the medications in the nurse's notes and/or on the Medication Administration Record (MAR) as follows:

Date	Patient	Physician's Orders	Narcotic Log	MAR	Nurse's Notes
09-22-07	B.L.	Darvocet-N 100 Tab, PO Q4h PRN Pain	DCN, (1) Tab @ 1700	Not Documented	1900 c/o chest pain; med with DCN 100
09-24-07	B.L.	Darvocet-N 100 Tab, PO Q4h PRN Pain	DCN, (1) Tab @ 1900	Not Documented	Not Documented
09-24-07	B.L.	Darvocet-N 100 Tab, PO Q4h PRN Pain	DCN, (1) Tab @ 1600	Not Documented	Not Documented
10-15-07	C.P.	Ativan 0.5mg (1) Tab PO PRN anxiety	Lorazepam 0.5mg (1) @ 2000	Not Documented	Ativan given @ 2000

10-16-07	C.P.	Ativan 0.5mg (1) Tab PO PRN anxiety	Lorazepam 0.5mg (1) @ 2000	Not Documented	Not Documented
10-11-07	C.P.	Darvocet-N 100 Tab, PO Q4h PRN Pain	Propoxyphene N-100, (1) Tab @ 2000	Not Documented	Not Documented
10-12-07	C.P.	Darvocet-N 100 Tab, PO Q4h PRN Pain	Propoxyphene N-100, (1) Tab @ 1600	Not Documented	Not Documented
10-01-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1) @ 1800	Not Documented	Not Provided
10-02-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1) @ 1900	Not Documented	Not Provided
10-03-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1) @ 1700	Not Documented	Not Provided
10-06-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1)	Not Documented	Not Provided
10-07-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1) @ 2000	Not Documented	Not Provided
10-11-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1) @ 1700	Not Documented	Not Provided
10-12-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1) @ 1800	Not Documented	Not Provided
10-15-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1) @ 1800	Not Documented	Not Provided
10-16-07	L.S.	Ativan Tabs 2mg (1) PO Q6H PRN	Lorazepam 2mg (1) @ 1700	Not Documented	Not Provided

Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient which could result in an overdose.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B)&(D), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B)&(4).

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to revocation of Respondent's license 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, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

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 Fraud, Theft & Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at [www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html](http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html).

Filed this 29<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

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