

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 724082

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issued to MYRNA LEE STRETCH

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#### ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of MYRNA LEE STRETCH, Registered Nurse License Number 724082, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

- 1. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas is currently in delinquent status.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Connor's State College, Warner Oklahoma on May 13, 1993. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 1, 2006.
- 4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

5/1993 - 6/1996

Graduate Nurse/Staff Nurse

Muskogee Regional Hospital Muskogee, Oklahoma Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

7/1996 - 9/1999	Clinical Supervisor	Oklahoma Dept of Corrections Taft, Oklahoma
10/1999 - 11/1999	Unknown	
12/1999 - 2004	Weekend Charge Nurse	Park Boulevard Care Center Muskogee Oklahoma
3/2000 - 1/2004	Case Manager	The Hospice Muskogee, Oklahoma
2004 - 12/2004	Dialysis Nurse	Fresenius Dialysis Muskogee, Oklahoma
7/2005 - 8/2008	Weekend Supervisor	The Rosewood Cross House Killeen, Texas
9/2008 - present	Unknown	

- 5. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent was employed as a Weekend Supervisor with The Rosewood Cross House, Killeen, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) years and nine (9) months.
- 6. On or about April 5, 2008, while employed as a weekend supervisor for The Rosewood Cross House, Killeen, Texas, Respondent failed to timely and appropriately assess and intervene, including notifying the physician when Patient LC, who was found on the floor, had a change in condition. The resident reported that he had a headache, became agitated, experienced vomiting, had rapid respirations, and subsequently expired. Respondent's conduct denied the patient timely medical interventions and may have contributed to the patient's subsequent demise.
- 7. On or about April 5, 2008, while employed as a weekend supervisor for The Rosewood Cross House, Killeen, Texas, Respondent falsely documented a physician's order for physical restraints in the medical record of Patient LC. Respondent's conduct was deceptive and resulted in an inaccurate medical record on which subsequent care givers would rely to provide further patient care.
- 8. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6), and Seven (7), Respondent states that when she arrived at work on the morning of April 5, 2008, she saw the patient sitting in a recliner by the Director of Nursing's office door. Respondent states that she questioned the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) on duty about the patient and she stated that the patient had fallen out of bed onto the floor at about 0600 hours and he had been picked up and placed in the recliner so she could observe him while she worked. Respondent

asserts that she did assess the patient and found no obvious head wound, no open lesions, and no crepitus present. According to Respondent, the LVN stated that she had not had time to report the patient's fall to anyone, nor had she called for a transfer to the hospital. Respondent claims that she did not receive a written report from the LVN regarding the incident. Respondent states that after a period of time the patient began to complain of a headache and vomited, so she called the physician for an order for Phenergan to relieve the vomiting and observed the patient for the rest of her shift.

9. On July 1, 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 June 29, 2011, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

## **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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B), (1)(M),(1)(P)&(3)(A) and§217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4)&(6)(A).
- 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 724082, heretofore issued to MYRNA LEE STRETCH, 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 herself 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.
- 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 1st day of July, 2011.

By:

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

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

of said Board

Myrna Stretch 5101 South Cherokee Drive, #712 Muskogee, OK 74403 Texas License #724082

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a professional nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license/licenses to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Texas Nursing License Number/s 724082

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared MYRNA STRETCH who, being duly sworn by me, stated that she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that she understood same.

Sworn to before me the  $29^{th}$  day of 5une, 20/1.

**SEAL** 

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