## BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of Vocational Nurse \$
License Number 75086 \$
issued to TONI DENEVA STEWART \$



# ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 75086, issued to TONI DENEVA STEWART, 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 is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
- 3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Harris School of Vocational Nursing, Fort Worth, Texas on September 4, 1977. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 22, 1977.
- 4. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history includes:

11/77-1/85

Unknown

2/85-8/89

LVN

Office of Dr. Dallas Johnson

Grapevine, Texas

Respondent's vocational nursing employment history continued:

8/89-2/07

LVN

Texas Healthcare

Fort Worth, Texas

3/07-9/08

LVN

Women's Health Medical Group

Fort Worth, Texas

10/08-Present

Unknown

- 5. On or about January 16, 2009, Respondent was noticed for the following allegations:
  - On or about August 7, 2007 through February 15, 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Women's Health Medical Group, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent fraudulently called in multiple unauthorized prescriptions for herself at times using other nurses names; and
  - On or about May 7, 2008, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Women's Health Medical Group, Respondent passed a fraudulent and unauthorized prescription by forging a physician's signature
- 6. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states she is extremely remorseful for her oversight and wishes she had just taken time to visit her personal doctor, something she did not believe she could do. Respondent states she has experienced deep anguish about the violation she committed.
- 7. On May 13, 2011, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated April 7, 2011 and received May 13, 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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(10)(E)&(11)(B).
- 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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#### <u>ORDER</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 75086, heretofore issued to TONI DENEVA STEWART, to practice vocational 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 vocational nursing, use the title of vocational nurse or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 17th day of June, 2011.

By:

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

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

of said Board

April 7,2011

Toni Deneva Stewart 1207 Tanglewood Trail Euless, Texas 76040

Dear Texas Board of Nursing;

With great regret and sadness I resign my LVN nursing license after thirty four years. I have always loved my profession. I take full responsibility for my actions. The board has made returning to nursing impossible with all the restrictions. I was never informed I could be represented by counsel.

Sincerely,

Toni Stewart
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