In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number140708 issued to LENA ELAINE TURKNETT

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS

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BOARD OF NURSING



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Attractic Common Executive Director of the Board

### NUNC PRO TUNC ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Lena Elaine Turknett 621 Chapman Drive Lancaster, TX 75146

On December 13, 2011, an Agreed Order for Lena Elaine Turknett was entered by the Tex... Board of Nursing (Board). Page 3 of the Order contains an error, in that it omits reference to "Reprimand with Stipulations" and instead refers to "Reprimand". The Order contains various stipulations. Upon notice and hearing, administrative agencies, like the Courts, have the power to enter nunc pro tunc orders where it can be seen by reference to a record that what was intended to be entered, but was omitted by inadvertence or mistake, can be corrected upon satisfactory proof of its rendition provided that no intervening rights will be prejudiced. *Railroad Comm'n v. McClain*, 356 S.W.2d 330, 334 (Tex. App.--Austin 1962, no writ) (citing *Frankfort Ky. Nat. Gas Co. v. City of Frankfort*, 276 Ky. 199, 123 S.W.2d 270, 272).

The Executive Director, as agent of the Board, after review and due consideration of the record and the facts therein, invalidates the Agreed Order for Lena Elaine Turknett that is dated December 13, 2011, and submits and enters the corrected Order of the Board, which corrects the error on page 3 of the Order and correctly refers to "Reprimand with Stipulations". No other changes have been made to the Order. Ms. Turknett has received due process regarding her license; therefore, her rights have not been prejudiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the corrected Agreed Order is hereby approved and entered on the dates set forth below.

Order effective December 13, 2011.

Entered this 1st day of March, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

# BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Licensed Vocational Nurse § AGREED License Number 140708 § issued to LENA ELAINE TURKNETT § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LENA ELAINE TURKNETT, Vocational Nurse License Number 140708, 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)(1)&(9), (effective September 1, 1981). Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on September 23, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

## **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 El Centro College, Dallas, Texas, on August 11, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 6, 1992.
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7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: That on September 30, 1997, her mother was being attacked by two men and some women. She intervened and tried to stop the assault that was taking place against her, and the only way she knew how was to fight them off. Respondent went to court and received deferred adjudication, which was a ten-year probation and community service. To her understanding, as long as she completed the requirements, it would not be on her record. Respondent did complete all the requirements. Per her attorney at the time, because she was not convicted of the crime, she did not have to report it.

# **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(a)(1)&(9), (effective September 1, 1981), and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §231.81(6), (effective September 1, 1981).
- 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 140708, heretofore issued to LENA ELAINE TURKNETT, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

### **ORDER**

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REPRIMAND WITH STIPULATIONS, 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 Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

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Signed this 11th day of NOUE mBER 20 11.

LENA ELAINE TURKNETT, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 117 day of NOULT BER, 20 11.

**SEAL** 

Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

TERRIE M. EVENSON
Notary Public, State of Texas
My Commission Expires
May 16, 2015

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the \_\_11th\_\_\_\_day of \_November, 20\_\_11\_\_, by LENA ELAINE TURKNETT, Vocational Nurse License Number 140708, and said Order is final.

Effective this 13th day of December, 2011

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