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Patricia P. Rhames
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Vocational Nurse License Number 140793 §
issued to JANICE LYNN RHODES § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JANICE LYNN RHODES, Vocational Nurse License Number 140793, 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, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was provided to 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 Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on August 18, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 6, 1992.
5. Respondent's complete vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about April 25, 2012, Respondent self-reported to the Board that on or about March 2011, she was arrested and charged with THEFT OF PUBLIC MONEY (a Felony offense), in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Texarkana, Texas. On or about June 14, 2012, Respondent entered a plea of "Guilty" and was convicted of THEFT OF PUBLIC MONEY, in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Texarkana, Texas, under Cause No. 5:11CR00009-002. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years and ordered to pay court costs and restitution in the amount of fourteen thousand and twelve dollars (\$14,012.00).
7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states she knew she was eligible for unemployment after she was terminated from her job. She asked her sister-in-law, who had a computer, to file her unemployment for her. She gave her all her information and she filed it. Respondent didn't know what information was given, but later found it wasn't the information she gave her. She states her sister-in-law used other information she made up and filed a fraudulent claim.
8. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 140793, heretofore issued to JANICE LYNN RHODES, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational Nurse License Number 140793, heretofore issued to JANICE LYNN RHODES, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by 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 "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 nursing in the State of Texas.

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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(s) 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 this Order becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 12th day of December, 2012.

Janice Lynn Rhodes
JANICE LYNN RHODES, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of December, 2012.



Landy Hubbard
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 140793, previously issued to JANICE LYNN RHODES.

Effective this 18th day of December, 2012.



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