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*Patricia P. Plummer*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of §  
Vocational Nurse License Number 79784 §  
issued to SYLVIA M STINSON §

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 79784, issued to SYLVIA M STINSON, 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 holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which is currently in delinquent status.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Diploma in Vocational Nursing from Galveston Community College, Galveston, Texas, on January 23, 1978. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 28, 1978.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about February 18, 2005, Respondent was issued the sanction of a FINE WITH REMEDIAL EDUCATION by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Facts, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated February 18, 2005, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

6. On or about January 20, 2004, Respondent pled Guilty to TAMPERING WITH WITNESS, a State Jail Felony offense committed on April 29, 2003, in the 56th Judicial District Court of Galveston, Texas, under Cause No. 03CR2062. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
  
7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states her daughter's boyfriend detailed a lady's car. He gave the lady her daughter's phone number and address as a trusting measure so he could do the job. The lady called her daughter looking for the boyfriend and she stated he went to vacuum the car out and hadn't returned. The lady was worried. So Respondent's daughter called Respondent to help her look for him. The lady mentioned the situation to her friend who happen to be a detective in Santa Fe and so the drama began. The detective located the car four blocks from the lady and arrested her daughter's boyfriend. The lady called Respondent's daughter the next day and said it was a big mistake and a lack of communication. She asked if Respondent's daughter and her could talk so that they could resolve the incident. Respondent's daughter called her for a ride. They arrived and within ten minutes of the conversation the lady's detective friend came to her office and asked why were these black women in her office. She tried to explain but he said don't talk to them. They asked what they did wrong, he told them to shut up and they don't belong in this town. He asked for their information and told them to leave or they would be arrested. She was arrested by the Galveston County police. Her lawyer did not fight for her. Respondent states she was only trying to be there for her daughter.
  
8. On or about June 29, 2010, Respondent submitted a Online Renewal Document Licensed Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:  
  
"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:  
A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?  
B. been convicted of a felony?  
C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?  
D. received deferred adjudication?  
E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?  
F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?  
G. been granted pre-trial diversion?  
H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?  
I. been cited or charged with any violation of the law?  
J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose the following:

On or about February 28, 2008, Respondent was arrested by the Galveston Police Department, Galveston, Texas, and subsequently charged under Cause No. 08CR0562 with ATTEMPTED CHILD ENDANGERMENT, a State Jail Felony offense. On or about June 11, 2008 Cause No. 08CR0562 was dismissed in the 122nd Judicial District Court of Galveston County, Texas, because the defendant was convicted in another case.

On or about June 10, 2008, Respondent pled Nolo Contendere to ABANDON ENDANGER CHILD CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE, a Class A misdemeanor offense committed on February 28, 2008, in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Galveston, Texas, under Cause No. 282387.

As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twelve (12) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states, her son's girlfriend came to the house to get her to help her son with gas and a flat tire before he got towed by the police. She didn't have a driver's license. She told her to stay with her great nephew because he was sleeping. He had been living with her for six years. She came back to the house within twenty minutes after she dropped everything off, and the police were at her door step looking in the house. She asked what happened, where is her great nephew and Shanda. She was advised to get in the car. She was taken to the police station and told what happened. She was charged even when some of the officers wanted to give her a warning.
10. On November 26, 2012, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated November 21, 2012, 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(s) of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I)&(13)(effective 9/28/2004 and after).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 302.402(a)(10)(effective 9/99-1/31/2004) and Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code,(effective 9/1/2007 and after) to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 79784, heretofore issued to SYLVIA M STINSON, including revocation of Respondent's license(s)

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 79784, heretofore issued to SYLVIA M STINSON, to practice 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 nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a 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.

Effective this 12th day of December, 2012.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS**

In the Matter of License Number 79784  
Issued to: SYLVIA M. STINSON

§     AGREED  
§     ORDER

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SYLVIA M. STINSON, License Number 79784, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Sections 301.303 and 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Texas Administrative Code, ch. 237.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice, hearing and agreed to the entry of this Order offered by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, on behalf of 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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent failed to make full and timely compliance with the Board's requirements for continuing education for the period ending 6/2004.

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. Evidence received was sufficient to prove violation of Sections 301.303 and 301.452(b)(1), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Texas Administrative Code §237.14.
4. Respondent's failure to comply with Continuing Education requirements is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 79784, heretofore issued to SYLVIA M. STINSON, including revocation of Respondent's vocational license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Fine in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100), 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 Vocational Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Texas Administrative Code, §211.01 *et seq.*, and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that RESPONDENT SHALL submit, with this signed Agreed Order and the fine, documentation of successful completion of twenty (19.0) Type I contact hours of continuing education. Documentation shall include copies of certificates of program attendance. These contact hours are to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

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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 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 and effective when entered by the Executive Director and that a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 31 day of January, 20 05

Sylvia M. Stinson

SYLVIA M. STINSON, Respondent

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas ratifies and acknowledges satisfaction of the requirements of the Agreed Order that was signed on the 31st day of January, 2005, by SYLVIA M. STINSON, License Number 79784, and said Order is final.

Signed this 18 day of February, 20 05.

Katherine A. Thomas

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Executive Director  
on behalf of said Board