

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of §  
Registered Nurse License Number 626135 §  
issued to CHRISTOPHER JOHN RYAN §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 626135, issued to CHRISTOPHER JOHN RYAN, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from University of Detroit Mercy, Detroit, Michigan, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 15, 1996.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about May 8, 2003, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST, a Felony offense, in the Circuit Court, Russell County, Alabama, under Case No. CC 2003 000302.00. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Department of Corrections for a period of five (5) years, with credit for time served; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years, and

ordered to pay a fine and court costs and register as a sex offender.

6. On or about August 9, 2004, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document to the Board of Nurse Examiners in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he answered "No" to the question: "Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. (One time minor in possession [MIP] or minor in consumption [MIC] do not need to be disclosed, therefore, you may answer "No". If you have two or more MIP's or MIC's, you must answer "Yes".)"

Respondent failed to disclose that, on or about May 8, 2003, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of SEXUAL ABUSE 1ST, a Felony offense, in the Circuit Court, Russell County, Alabama, under Case No. CC 2003 000302.00.

7. On or about October 29, 2004, Respondent was arrested by the Columbus Police Department, Columbus, Georgia, for Charge 1-DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL, Charge 2-TRAFFIC/MOTOR VEHICLE OFFENSE, misdemeanor offenses. Respondent was subsequently charged under Case No. SC-2004-CR-005451 for Count 1-RECKLESS DRIVING, Count 2-DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE > .08, and Count 3-CROSSING CENTER LINE. On or about March 16, 2006, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of RECKLESS DRIVING, a Misdemeanor offense, committed on October 28, 2004, in the State Court, Muscogee County, Georgia, under Case No. SC-2004-CR-005451. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement for a period of twelve (12) months; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation, and ordered to pay a fine. Counts 2 and 3 were dismissed.
8. On February 25, 2013, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated February 20, 2013, 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(22)(eff. 2/1/2004 - 9/27/2004) & 217.12(13)(eff. after 9/28/2004).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 626135, heretofore issued to CHRISTOPHER JOHN RYAN, 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, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. 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 626135, heretofore issued to CHRISTOPHER JOHN RYAN, 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 professional nursing, use the title of registered or the abbreviation RN or wear any insignia identifying himself 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 nursing in the State of Texas.

Effective this 13th day of March 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

February 20, 2013

Texas Board of Nursing  
Attn: Diane Burell  
333 Guadalupe #3-460  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Ms. Burell,

I would like to surrender my Texas Registered Nursing license effective immediately. Please find below information for identification purposes.

- NAME: CHRISTOPHER JOHN RYAN
- LICENSE #: 626135
- DOB: September 21, 1972

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (706) 582-3518 if any further information is needed.

Sincerely,



Christopher J Ryan

1505 Ossahatchie Creek Road

Ellerslie, GA 31807