



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
William C. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Vocational Nurse License Number 215454 §
issued to GRISELDA AZA §

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 215454, issued to GRISELDA AZA, 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 Nevada Regional Technical Center, Nevada, Missouri, on August 23, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on April 1, 2008.
4. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about November 30, 2010, Respondent submitted an online renewal application to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "no" to the following question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal: ...been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about October 22, 2010, she was arrested by the Houston Police Department, Houston, Texas for "FAILURE TO APPEAR," an offense committed on or about November 16, 2009 and June 2, 2010. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the Board and could have affected the decision to issue a license.

6. On or about October 28, 2012, Respondent was arrested by the Harris County Sheriff's Department, Harris County, Texas, for INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER WITH VEHICLE, a 2nd Degree felony offense committed on or about October 28, 2012.

On or about February 20, 2013, Respondent was charged with INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER WITH VEHICLE, a felony offense committed on or about October 28, 2012, in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Cause Nos. 1366175 and 1366176, and is presently pending a trial.

7. On or about November 25, 2012, Respondent submitted an online renewal application to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "no" to the following question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal: H... been arrested or have any pending criminal charges? I... been cited or charged with any violation of the law?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about March 20, 2011, she was arrested by Los Fresnos Police Department, Los Fresnos, Texas, for "PUBLIC INTOXICATION," an offense committed on or about March 19, 2011.

On or about October 28, 2012, Respondent was arrested by the Harris County Sheriff's Office, Houston, Texas, for "INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER WITH VEHICLE," a 2nd Degree felony offense committed on about October 28, 2012.

On or about February 20, 2013, Respondent was charged with INTOXICATION MANSLAUGHTER WITH VEHICLE, a felony offense committed on or about October 28, 2012, in the District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Cause Nos. 1366175 and 1366176, and is presently pending a trial.

Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the Board and could have affected the decision to issue a license.

8. Formal Charges were filed on March 11, 2013.
9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on March 12, 2013.
10. On August 7, 2013, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's written statement,

dated August 2, 2013, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

11. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
12. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 215454, heretofore issued to GRISELDA AZA, 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 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

THE BALANCE OF THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK.

CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 215454, heretofore issued to GRISELDA AZA, 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 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; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
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 7th day of August, 2013.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____



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

August 2, 2013

Dear Katherine A. Thomas,

I apologise first of all because I write you this letter from Harris Co. Jail.

I received from my husband outside the letter about surrendering my Texas license (LNV). The letter is dated June 3rd, and I received it July 18. My intent is to surrender my license, but unfortunately I have not had a chance to speak to my attorney or have this notarized to send back on time. I'm not sure what else to do. This coming week I will request the sergeant in charge to allow me to go to the law library to have this letter notarized.

I'm in jail because of my intoxication manslaughter case, but I'm still awaiting trial. I have not practiced nursing since May 14, the day I was arrested. I am also attending AA meetings while I am in here. I thought I should notify the Texas Board of Nursing of my intent to voluntarily surrender my nursing license and my intent to stay clean.

Please send any other correspondence to this address

Eriseida Aza
05584813 441
1800 Baker
Houston, TX 77008

Thanks,

John Doe