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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED
Registered Nurse License Number 777595 §
issued to JEFFREY GENE JOSEPH § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of JEFFREY GENE JOSEPH, Registered Nurse License Number 777595, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on October 9, 2013.

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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Baptist Health System, San Antonio, Texas, on May 7, 2009. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on November 17, 2009.
5. Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history includes:

11/09-12/09	Unknown	
01/10-08/11	RN	St. Luke's Baptist Hospital San Antonio, Texas

Respondent's complete professional nursing employment history continued:

09/11-12/11	RN	Aya Healthcare San Diego, California
01/12-04/12	RN	Baptist Medical Center San Antonio, Texas
05/12-Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse with Baptist Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately three (3) months.
7. On or about April 24, 2012, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Baptist Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent misappropriated six (6) tablets of Levaquin, an antibiotic, for his personal use from the facility. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility of the cost of the medication.
8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent admits taking six (6) tablets of Levaquin, an antibiotic, to treat his previously diagnosed Colitis. Respondent states he did so because he left his prescription at home. Respondent admits he exercised poor judgment and states the economic loss to the facility was minimal as the retail cost for Levaquin is seventy two (\$0.72) cents per tablet. Additionally, Respondent states he has no prior history of such action.
9. On or about September 11, 2012, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved class in Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills, which would have been a requirement of this Order.
10. On or about November 11, 2012, Respondent successfully completed a Board approved class in Texas Nursing Jurisprudence and Ethics, which would have been a requirement 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)(G).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 777595, heretofore issued to JEFFREY GENE JOSEPH, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, 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 State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred and fifty (\$250) dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check

or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

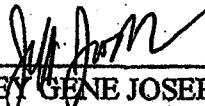
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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

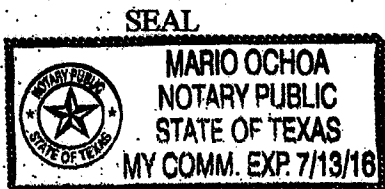
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

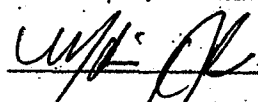
Signed this 31st day of October, 2013.



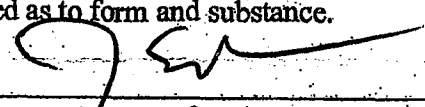
JEFFREY GENE JOSEPH, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 31st day of October, 2013.





Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

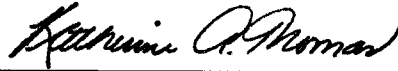
Approved as to form and substance.


Jon E. Porter, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 7 day of November, 2013.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 31st day of October, 2013, by JEFFREY GENE JOSEPH, Registered Nurse License Number 777595, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12th day of November, 2013.



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