BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of
Registered Nurse License Number 661263
& Vocational Nurse License Number 122317
issued to ANNETTE DENISE RIDEAUX

§ AGREED

ORDER



On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of ANNETTE DENISE RIDEAUX, Registered Nurse License Number 661263, and Vocational Nurse License Number 122317, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived 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 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. Respondent holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which is currently in delinquent status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Houston CC at Spring Shadow, Houston, Texas, on May 1, 1999. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 29, 1999.
- 5. Respondent's employment history is unknown.

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- 6. On or about March 16, 2010, Respondent was arrested by the District Attorney's office of Harris County, Texas, with THEFT OF PROPERTY \$1500<\$20k, State Jail Felony offense, committed on September 21, 2002. On or about May 4, 2010, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to THEFT \$1500-\$20k, State Jail Felony offense, in the 339th District Court at Law of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1078083. 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 restitution in the amount of eight thousand two hundred ninety-four (\$8,294) dollars along with a fine and court cost. Respondent was discharged from probation on June 26, 2012.
- 7. On or about May 16, 2011, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document Registered 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 <u>cited</u> 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 that on or about March 16, 2010, Respondent was arrested by the District Attorney's office of Harris County, Texas, with THEFT OF PROPERTY \$1500<\$20k, State Jail Felony offense, committed on September 21, 2002. On or about May 4, 2010, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to THEFT \$1500-\$20k, State Jail Felony offense, in the 339th District Court at Law of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 1078083. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent was deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of three (3) years.

8. In response to Findings of Fact Numbers Six (6) and Seven (7), Respondent states she stopped working after her son was born. When she decided she needed to return to work, she had no family to help care for her son. Her friend, who was the director of Human resources at her previous employer, suggested she file for unemployment. Her friend would say Respondent had been fired and would disregard the notice when it came, so it would not be

contested. Respondent worked part time without reporting it, and continued to receive unemployment checks for six months. Several years later she was contacted and asked to repay the money. She didn't hear anything again until 2010 when she was arrested for an outstanding warrant for felony theft.

9. 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 and 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 Registered Nurse License Number 661263, and Vocational Nurse License Number 122317, heretofore issued to ANNETTE DENISE RIDEAUX, 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.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 661263, and Vocational Nurse License Number 122317, heretofore issued to ANNETTE DENISE RIDEAUX, 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 professional/vocational nursing, use the title "registered/vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "RN"/"LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered/vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered/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. Thave reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violation(s) alleged berein. By my signature on this Order, Lagree 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 10th day of April . 2014

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of Aprile, 2014.

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Oscar San Vilgoel: Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 10 h day of April . 2014

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 661263, and Vocational Nurse License Number 122317, previously issued to ANNETTE DENISE RIDEAUX.

Effective this 11th day of April, 2014.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board