IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT VOCATIONAL NURSE	§ 8	BEFORE THE TEXAS
LICENSE NUMBER 79301 ISSUED TO	8 8 2	BOARD OF NURSING
THOMAS J. SEAMAN	8 §	ELIGIBILITY AND
	§ - §	DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: THOMAS J. SEAMAN
326 OBLATE DRIVE
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216

executive Director of the Boar

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, December 9, 2014, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by

reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing [22 Tex. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 79301, previously issued to THOMAS J. SEAMAN, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 9th day of December, 2014.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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Attachment: Formal Charge filed October 10, 2014.

Re: Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 79301
Issued to THOMAS J SEAMAN
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 12 day of December, 2014, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
THOMAS J SEAMAN
326 OBLATE DRIVE
SAN ANTONIO, TX 78216

Via USPS First Class Mail

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director

October 13, 2014

Certified Mail No.

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Return Receipt Requested

Thomas J. Seaman 326 Oblate Drive San Antonio, Tx 78216

Dear Thomas J. Seaman:

Enclosed are Formal Charges which have been filed against you because your pending alleged violation(s) of Section 301.452(b) of the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, have not been resolved. Within three weeks from the date of this letter, you must file a <u>written</u> answer to each charge admitting or denying each allegation. If you intend to deny only part of an allegation, you must specify so much of it as is true and deny only the remainder. Your answer shall also include any other matter, whether of law or fact, upon which you intend to rely for your defense. Send your written answer to the attention of Tamika Rose, Investigator, at the above address. You may obtain legal counsel at your own expense.

FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THE FORMAL CHARGES, EITHER PERSONALLY OR BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, WILL RESULT IN THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FORMAL CHARGES BEING ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF WILL BE GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

If a <u>written</u> answer to the Formal Charges is not received within three weeks from the date of this letter, this matter will proceed on a default basis and it will be staff's recommendation that a default order be entered revoking your license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The result of any disciplinary action, including any default order or formal disposition (Board Order), is public information. Dispositions, including default orders and formal dispositions, will appear in the Board's quarterly newsletter and will be reported to the National Council of State Boards of

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Nursing, Inc., and the National Practitioner Data Bank (NPDB).

You may resolve this matter by signing the proposed Agreed Order previously sent to you <u>before a notary</u> and returning it to this office. If you do not have the proposed Agreed Order, a duplicate can be sent to you upon request.

Should you desire to discuss this matter, contact Tamika Rose, Investigator, at (512) 305-6812.

Sincerely,

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN Executive Director

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Enclosure:

Formal Charges

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In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Vocational Nurse	§	
License Number 79301	§	
Issued to THOMAS J SEAMAN,	§ -	•
Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, THOMAS J SEAMAN, is a Vocational Nurse holding License Number 79301, which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about April 1, 2012, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document Licensed Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he 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 29, 2012, Respondent was arrested by the Bexar County Sheriff's Department, for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, a Class B misdemeanor offense. The criminal charge was still pending at the time he submitted the renewal to the Board.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

CHARGE II.

On or about March 14, 2014, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document Licensed Vocational Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he 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?
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- 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 June 26, 2012, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of OBSTRUCTION OF HIGHWAY-INTOXICATION, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on March 29, 2012, in the County Court at Law No. 9 of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 388491. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Bexar County Jail for a period of six (6) months; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I)&(13).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33 and Tex. Occ. Code Ch. 53. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, for Lying and Falsification, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

Filed this 10th day of actoba, 2014.

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