IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE	§	BOARD OF NURSING
LICENSE NUMBER 524447	§	•
ISSUED TO	§	ELIGIBILITY AND
LILLIAN C. FORTE	§	DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Lillia

Lillian C. Forte

107 Gladiola Ln Apt A San Antonio, Tx 78213

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on **Tuesday, February 10, 2015**, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the abovestyled 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 Registered Nurse License Number

524447, previously issued to LILLIAN C. FORTE, 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 10th day of February, 2015.

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 30, 2014.

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 524447
Issued to LILLIAN C. FORTE
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the	<u> </u>	_day of _	teb	, 20 <u>15</u> , a true and correc
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT	ORI	DER was	served and ac	ddressed to the following person(s), as
follows:				
Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Lillian C. Forte 107 Gladiola Ln Apt A San Antonio, Tx 78213	Rec	eipt Requ	<u>ested</u>	
Via USPS First Class Mail Lillian C. Forte 107 Gladiola Ln Apt A San Antonio, Tx 78213				
ВУ			UNE A. THO	OMAS, MN, RN, FAAN FOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

In the Matter of	§	BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse	Š	
License Number 524447	Š	
Issued to LILLIAN C FORTE,	§	
Respondent	§	BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, LILLIAN C FORTE, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 524447, 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 January 29, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to THEFT \$50-\$500, a Class B misdemeanor offense, in the County Court at Law No. 14, Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 413108. As a result of the plea, proceedings against Respondent were deferred without an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of nine (9) months, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

CHARGE II.

On or about July 31, 2014, Respondent submitted a Delinquent (Expired) License Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which 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 January 29, 2013, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to THEFT \$50-\$500, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on or about December 24, 2012, in the County Court at Law No. 14, Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 413108. As a result of the plea, proceedings against Respondent were deferred without an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of nine (9) months, 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).

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 Lying and Falsification, and for Fraud, Theft and Deception, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

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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 30+1 day of October, 2014.

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