BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 746866 issued to JESSICA ELAINE COPELAND AGREED ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board,

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considered the matter of JESSICA ELAINE COPELAND, Registered Nurse License Number

746866, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section

301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived 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 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 notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Jewish College of Nursing and Allied Health, St. Louis, Missouri, on December 15, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 14, 2007.
- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about January 22, 2015, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to SECURING EXECUTION OF A DOCUMENT BY DECEPTION >= \$20k<\$100k, a Third Degree felony offense committed on February 16, 2013, in the 439th Judicial District Court of Rockwall County, Texas, under Cause No. 2-14-467. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without an adjudication of guilt, and she was placed on probation for a period of ten (10) years and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

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7. 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 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(3) & (10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 746866, heretofore issued to JESSICA ELAINE COPELAND, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- 5. Pursuant to Section 301.463(d), Texas Occupations Code, this Agreed Order is a settlement agreement under Rule 408, Texas Rules of Evidence, in civil or criminal litigation.
- 6. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
- 7. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
- 8. 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.

TERMS OF ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY

SURRENDER of Registered Nurse License Number 746866, heretofore issued to JESSICA

ELAINE COPELAND, 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:

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- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional/registered nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered 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. I waive representation by counsel. 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 entry of this 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 <u>24</u> day of <u>March</u> 20 / 5. Respondent JĘ

26 day of MARCH

Sworn to and subscribed before me this _



Notary Public in and for the State of <u>TEXAS</u>

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 746866, previously issued to JESSICA ELAINE COPELAND.

Effective this <u>30th</u> day of March, 20<u>15</u>.

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