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*Patricia A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of §  
Registered Nurse License Number 510472 §  
& Vocational Nurse License Number 99189 §  
issued to MICHAEL J. WOODRUFF §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 510472, and Vocational Nurse License Number 99189, issued to MICHAEL J. WOODRUFF, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. 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 in delinquent status.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on August 13, 1982, and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Paris Junior College, Paris, Texas, on May 23, 1983. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 13, 1982. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 30, 1983.
4. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history includes:
 

05/1983 - 11/1991	Unknown
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Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment history continued:

12/1991 - 10/2002	RN	Medical Center of Plano Plano, Texas
11/2002 - 08/2003	RN	Nurses Stat Dallas, Texas
09/2003 - 2015	RN	Baylor Medical Center at Frisco Frisco, Texas
2015 - Present	RN	Texoma Medical Center Denison, Texas

5. On or about December 23, 2014, while employed with Baylor Medical Center at Frisco, Frisco, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that he exhibited slurred speech, was confused, and refused a drug test because he stated he would be positive due to taking his sister's medication. Respondent's conduct could have affected his ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected his ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
6. On or about December 24, 2014, while employed with Baylor Medical Center at Frisco, Frisco, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Hydromorphone, Hydrocodone, Oxymorphone, and Oxycodone, in that he produced a urine specimen for a reasonable cause drug screen that resulted positive for Hydromorphone, Hydrocodone, Oxymorphone, and Oxycodone. Possession of Hydromorphone, Hydrocodone, Oxymorphone, and Oxycodone, without a valid prescription, is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health & Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Hydromorphone, Hydrocodone, Oxymorphone, and Oxycodone, by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
7. On March 22, 2016, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated March 18, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
8. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.

9. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

#### 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(1)(B),(1)(E),(4),(5),(10)(A),(10)(D)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 510472, and Vocational Nurse License Number 99189, heretofore issued to MICHAEL J. WOODRUFF, 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, 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 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER


NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 510472, and Vocational Nurse License Number 99189, heretofore issued to MICHAEL J. WOODRUFF, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is/are accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice nursing, use the title of registered nurse or vocational nurse or the abbreviation "RN" or "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying himself as a registered nurse or vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a/an registered nurse or vocational nurse during the period in which the license/s is/are surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
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.

Effective this 22nd day of March, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

3-18-16

I wish to voluntarily give up  
my RN license as of today 3-18-16.

After being a nurse for 34  
years, it is disheartening  
to know that because one person  
making a false statement, that  
I could be forced to go through  
so much anguish. If the Board  
of Nursing had contacted even one  
of the people that I worked with  
in the OR that day, it would  
be clear that the statement  
about me being unfit for duty  
& slurring my words was false.

Michael Woodruff RN

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