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William P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 449363 §
issued to EILEEN LYNN TIPTON §

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 449363, issued to EILEEN LYNN TIPTON, 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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
4. Respondent received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Central Missouri State College, Warrensburg, Missouri, on May 1, 1974. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 16, 1979.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

11/1979 - 6/2014	Staff Nurse	Heights Hospital Houston, Texas
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

6/2014 - Present Staff Nurse Select Specialty Hospital
Houston, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Select Specialty Hospital, Houston, Texas, and had been in that position for one (1) year and four (4) months.
7. On or about October 22, 2015, while employed as a Staff Nurse with Select Specialty Hospital, Houston, Texas, Respondent failed to question and/or clarify a physician's verbal order to administer an initial dose of 4 mg of intravenous (IV) Dilaudid to Patient A.W., a patient with End Stage Renal Disease and Pneumonia. The physician provided a verbal order to Respondent, but Respondent failed to question that the dosage was high for the patient. Subsequently, the patient went into respiratory distress and required cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). Respondent's conduct unnecessarily exposed the patient to a risk of harm from Dilaudid being administered in excess of its appropriate dosage and may have caused the patient to undergo respiratory distress.
8. In response to the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that the patient was refusing pain medication by mouth so the physician verbally ordered administration of intravenous (IV) Dilaudid, but to try the by mouth administration. Respondent states that the patient was requesting the IV Dilaudid. Respondent states that the medication was verified with another nurse, the patient's vital signs were stable, and the dose was administered over two (2) minutes. Respondent states that after administration, the patient began to have diminished respirations and a weak pulse. Respondent states the Rapid Response Team and Code was called.
9. On June 13, 2016, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated June 13, 2016, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

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 §217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(M)&(1)(N) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE

§217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 449363, heretofore issued to EILEEN LYNN TIPTON, 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 449363, heretofore issued to EILEEN LYNN TIPTON, 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 professional nursing, use the title of registered nurse or the abbreviation RN or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a/an registered 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.
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 13th day of June, 2016.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By: 

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

EILEEN LYNN TIPTON
HOUSTON, TX 77018
Registered Nurse License Number 449363

Voluntary Surrender Statement

Dear Texas Board of Nursing:

I no longer desire to be licensed as a nurse. Accordingly, I voluntarily surrender my license(s) to practice in Texas. I waive representation by counsel and consent to the entry of an Order which outlines requirements for reinstatement of my license. I understand that I may not petition for reinstatement until one (1) year from the effective date of the Order. I understand that I will be required to comply with the Board's Rules and Regulations in effect at the time I submit any petition for reinstatement.

Signature Eileen L Tipton

Date 6/13/16

Registered Nurse License Number 449363

The State of Texas

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this date personally appeared EILEEN LYNN TIPTON who, being duly sworn by me, stated that he or she executed the above for the purpose therein contained and that he or she understood same.

Sworn to before me the 13 day of JUNE, 2016.

SEAL

Michael Farouse
Notary Public in and for the State of TEXAS

