BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of § AGREED

Vocational Nurse License Number 217578

issued to MELISSA RENEE PRESSLEY § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of MELISSA RENEE PRESSLEY, Vocational Nurse License Number 217578, 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 vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Ranger College, Graham, Texas, on August 9, 2008. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 9, 2008.
- 5. Respondent's complete nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about September 17, 2015, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of THEFT PROP>=\$1500<\$20K, a State Jail Felony offense committed on December 16, 2014, in the 33rd/424th District Court of San Saba County, Texas, under Cause Number

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- 5831. As a result of the conviction, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years, and ordered to pay a fine, court costs, and restitution in the amount of two thousand seven hundred twenty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2,728.25).
- 7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent admits to the criminal charge, but asserts she was not employed as a nurse at the time of the incident.
- 8. Formal Charges were filed on April 25, 2016.
- 9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on April 28, 2016.
- 10. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 217578, heretofore issued to MELISSA RENEE PRESSLEY, 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 Vocational Nurse License Number 217578, heretofore issued to MELISSA RENEE PRESSLEY, 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:

- 1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself/himself as a vocational nurse, or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational 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 9 day of August, 2016.

Melion Renee Pressey.

MELISSA RENEE PRESSLEY Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this Amy of

LAURA
GONZALEZ
Notary Public. State of Texas
My Commission Expires
01-17-2017

Notary Without Bond

Notary Public in and for the State of _

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 217578, previously issued to MELISSA RENEE PRESSLEY.

Effective this 12th day of August, 2016.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board