IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 761174 **ISSUED TO** BRANDON JAY FAUNCE, RESPONDENT

BEFORE THE TEXAS **BOARD OF NURSING ELIGIBILITY AND** 

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE



## ORDER OF THE BOARD

Brandon Jay Faunce TO: 3211 Willow Wood Trail Kingwood, Texas 77345

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on November 8, 2016, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled 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

761174, previously issued to BRANDON JAY FAUNCE, 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 8th day of November, 2016.

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 on May 13, 2016.

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 761174
Issued to BRANDON JAY FAUNCE
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the _/	Oth day of November	, 20 <u>(c</u> , a true and correct
copy of the foregoing DEFAULT O	RDER was served and addre	ssed to the following person(s), as
follows:		
Via USPS Certified Mail, Return R Brandon Jay Faunce 3211 Willow Wood Trail Kingwood, Texas 77345	eceipt Requested	
Via USPS First Class Mail		
BY:	KATHERINE A. THOMA	

In the Matter of \$ BEFORE THE TEXAS
Permanent Registered Nurse \$ \$
License Number 761174 \$ \$
Issued to BRANDON JAY FAUNCE, \$ \$
Respondent \$ BOARD OF NURSING

## FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, BRANDON JAY FAUNCE, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 761174, 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 June 25, 2015, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Memorial Hermann Northeast Hospital, Humble, Texas, and assigned to the Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU), Respondent drugged Patient J.C. and exposed his genitals to her before he forced his erected penis into her mouth. Additionally, Respondent ejaculated into the mouth and on the face of Patient J.C. Subsequently, on or about March 4, 2016, Respondent was arrested by the Humble Police Department, Humble, Texas, for SEXUAL ASSAULT, a 2nd Degree felony offense. Respondent's gross misconduct represented himself and the facility in an unprofessional manner. Respondent's conduct demonstrated a lack of knowledge, skill and judgment to such an extent that Respondent's continued practice of nursing reasonably poses a serious risk of harm to patients. Furthermore, Respondent's conduct was likely to cause emotional, physical, and/or psychological harm to the patient, and may have caused delayed distress for the patient, which may not be recognized or felt by the patient until harmful consequences occur.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 2 1 7 . 1 1 ( 1 ) ( A ) , ( 1 ) ( B ) & ( 1 ) ( J ) , a n d 2 2 T E X . A D M I N . C O D E §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(4),(6)(C),(6)(D),(6)(E),(6)(F)&(13).

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. 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, <u>www.bon.texas.gov</u>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Sexual Misconduct, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, located at 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §213.33(b), which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, <a href="https://www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

Filed this  $\frac{13}{13}$  day of  $\frac{16}{100}$ 

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