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Debbie Cannon
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 757575 §
& Vocational Nurse License Number 200351 §
issued to DEBBIE ANN CANNON §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DEBBIE ANN CANNON, Registered Nurse License Number 757575 and Vocational Nurse License Number 200351, 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. Respondent's license to practice as a vocational nurse in the State of Texas is in current status. Respondent's license to practice as a professional nurse in the State of Texas is in inactive status.
2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Kilgore College, Longview, Texas, on August 3, 2005, and received an Associate Degree from Eastern Oklahoma State College, Idabel, Oklahoma, on May 9, 2008. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on September 27, 2005, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 8, 2008.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/2005 - 04/2006	LVN	Healthsouth Rehabilitation Hospital Texarkana, Texas
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

05/2006 - 11/2007	Unknown	
12/2007 - 05/2008	LVN	Titus Regional Medical Center Mt. Pleasant, Texas
05/2008 - 07/2012	LVN/RN	Christus St. Michael Health System Texarkana, Texas
06/2011 - 02/2013	RN	Cypress Home Care Mt. Pleasant, Texas
09/2012 - 04/2014	RN	Wound Care Specialists Texarkana, Texas
04/2014 - 10/2014	RN	Good Shepherd Medical Center Longview, Texas
11/2014 - 03/2015	RN	Titus Regional Medical Center Mt. Pleasant, Texas
03/2015 - 10/2015	RN	Cypress Home Care New Boston, Texas
11/2015 - 05/2016	RN	Texarkana Emergency Center Texarkana, Texas
06/2016 - Present	Unknown	

5. On or about March 2016, through April 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Texarkana Emergency Center, Texarkana, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Dilaudid belonging to the facility and patients thereof in that she admitted to Texarkana Police Department she misappropriated medications for her own personal use. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and patients thereof of the cost of the medications.
6. On or about May 5, 2016, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Texarkana Emergency Center, Texarkana, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate and/or unlawful use of Opiates in that she produced a specimen for a drug screen that resulted positive for Opiates, specifically Hydrocodone. Unlawful possession of Opiates is prohibited by Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health & Safety Code. The use of Opiates by a Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms, or changes in a 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 a patient in potential danger.

7. Formal Charges were filed on April 10, 2017.
8. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on April 11, 2017.
9. On May 10, 2017, the Board received a notarized statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated May 10, 2017, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
10. 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.
11. 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)(A),(1)(B),(1)(E),(4),(5),(6)(G),(8),(10)(A),(10)(D),(10)(E)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 757575 and Vocational Nurse License Number 200351, heretofore issued to DEBBIE ANN CANNON, 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, as amended, 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 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 ORDERED that the **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER** of Registered Nurse License Number 757575 and Vocational Nurse License Number 200351, heretofore issued to DEBBIE ANN CANNON, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is 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/registered nursing, use the title "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 registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself 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.
3. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until:
 - A. At least one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and,
 - B. RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
4. 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 10th day of May, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

By:



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

May 10, 2017

From: Debbie Cannon

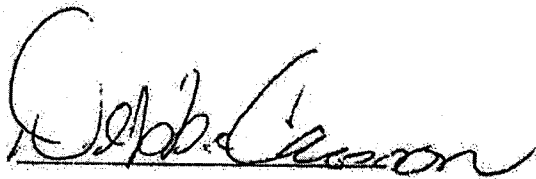
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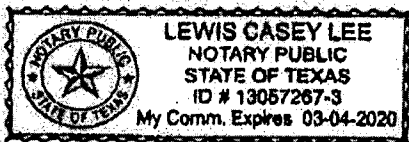
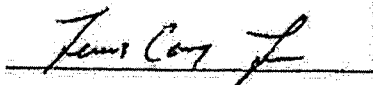
Texas Board of Nursing:

I, Debbie Cannon, do voluntarily surrender my nursing license, number 757575.

Thank you so much for your time.



Debbie Cannon



Notary