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Patricia A. Johnson
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of §
Registered Nurse License Number 808291 §
issued to RUTH ANN CANFIELD §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of RUTH ANN CANFIELD, Registered Nurse License Number 808291, 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 professional nurse in the State of Texas is in current status.
2. Respondent waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Community College of Beaver County, Monaca, Pennsylvania, on April 30, 2007. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 16, 2011.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
5. On or about May 10, 2016, through May 31, 2016, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) nursing from the State of Texas and employed as a registered nurse with Banner Payson Medical Center, Payson, Arizona, Respondent removed three (3) syringes of Dilaudid 1mg, one (1) syringe of Morphine 2mg and two (2) tabs of Ativan .5mg from the Pyxis medication dispensing system for patients without a valid physician's order. Respondent's

conduct was likely to injure the patients in that the administration of the medications without a valid physician's order could result in the patients suffering from adverse reactions, and is in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

6. On or about May 10, 2016, through June 2, 2016, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) nursing from the State of Texas and employed as a registered nurse with Banner Payson Medical Center, Payson, Arizona, Respondent removed four (4) syringes of Dilaudid 1mg, one (1) syringe of Morphine 2mg and two (2) tabs of Ativan .5mg from the Pyxis medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to document, and/or completely and accurately document, the administration of the Dilaudid, Morphine and Ativan in the patients' Medication Administration Records (MAR). Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patients, which could result in an overdose. Additionally, Respondent's conduct placed the hospital in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
7. On or about May 10, 2016, through June 2, 2016, while utilizing a Privilege to Practice (PTP) nursing from the State of Texas and employed as a registered nurse with Banner Payson Medical Center, Payson, Arizona, Respondent removed four (4) syringes of Dilaudid 1mg, one (1) syringe of Morphine 2mg and two (2) tabs of Ativan .5mg from the Pyxis medication dispensing system for patients, but failed to follow the facility's policy and procedure in place for the wastage of the unused portions of the medications. Respondent's conduct left medications unaccounted for, was likely to deceive the hospital pharmacy, and placed the pharmacy in violation of Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health and Safety Code.
8. Formal Charges were filed on September 26, 2017.
9. Formal Charges were mailed to Respondent on September 26, 2017.
10. On November 3, 2017, the Board received a statement from Respondent voluntarily surrendering the right to practice nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement, dated November 3, 2017, 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)(D), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(4),(10)(C)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 304.001, Article 5, Texas Occupations Code, Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 808291, heretofore issued to RUTH ANN CANFIELD, 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 808291, heretofore issued to RUTH ANN CANFIELD, 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 petition for reinstatement of licensure until at least 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 3rd day of November, 2017.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

November 3, 2017

Texas Board of Nursing
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Attention PAUL Longoria, Investigator

I, RUTH CANFIELD, here by voluntarily
surrender my TEXAS Nursing License
effective immediately.

Ruth Canfield
RUTH CANFIELD
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