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William D. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT
REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 562430
ISSUED TO
KIMBERLEY GAYE EDWARDS,
RESPONDENT

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
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§ BOARD OF NURSING
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§ ELIGIBILITY AND
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§ DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: KIMBERLEY GAYE EDWARDS
4720 LA BRANCH ST
HOUSTON, TX 77004

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on **Tuesday, August 21, 2018**, 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.

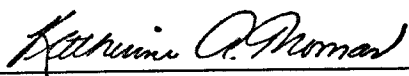
All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 562430, previously issued to KIMBERLEY GAYE EDWARDS, 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 21st day of August, 2018.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY: 
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
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Attachment: Formal Charge filed April 30, 2018.

d17r(RN)(2016.05.11)

Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 562430
Issued to KIMBERLEY GAYE EDWARDS
DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 23rd day of August, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested

KIMBERLEY GAYE EDWARDS
4720 LA BRANCH ST
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Via USPS First Class Mail

KIMBERLEY GAYE EDWARDS
4720 LA BRANCH ST
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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

**In the Matter of
Permanent Registered Nurse**

License Number 562430

**Issued to KIMBERLEY GAYE EDWARDS,
Respondent**

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BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, KIMBERLEY GAYE EDWARDS, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 562430, 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 February 9, 2017, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Interim Healthcare, Houston, Texas, Respondent may have lacked fitness to practice professional nursing, in that she began making paranoid statements related to the Harris County Constable's Office, such as stating they were having Respondent followed, and stating the Constable's Office had paid patients to harass her. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5).

CHARGE II.

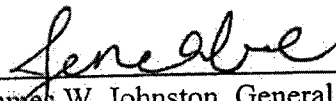
On or about February 10, 2017, while licensed as a Registered Nurse in the State of Texas, Respondent misappropriated a computer containing protected patient information, in that she failed to surrender the property after she resigned her position with Interim Healthcare, Houston, Texas. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility of the cost of the computer and Respondent's conduct exposed patients unnecessarily to a risk of harm from use, accessing or disclosure of confidential medical information without written authorization and may have placed the facility in violation of HIPAA (The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act).

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 §217.11(1)(A)&(1)(E), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(C),(4),(6)(G)&(11)(B).

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, www.bon.texas.gov.

Filed this 30th day of April, 2018.

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