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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

November 21, 2000

Rebecca Kent  
2126 Papoose Trail  
Crosby TX 77532

Dear Ms. Kent:

This office is in receipt of your final Nursing Performance Evaluation. You are no longer required to submit reports to this office. Our file reflects that all requirements of the Order of the Board entered on October 28, 1999, have been met.

Please return your current wallet-sized license along with a copy of this letter. We will then issue you a license without the stipulated designation.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-6834.

Sincerely,

*Korena Schaaf*  
Korena Schaaf

Investigator  
Monitoring

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of License Number 547758     §     AGREED  
issued to REBECCA LYNN KENT           §     ORDER

An investigation by the Board produced evidence indicating that REBECCA LYNN KENT, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, License Number 547758, may have violated Article 4525(b)(9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

An informal conference was held on June 29, 1999, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Article 4524C, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director; James W. Johnston, Assistant General Counsel; Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ, Director of Investigations; and Jenane Jacobson, BSN, RN, Investigator.

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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from North Harris County Junior College, Houston, Texas, in 1988. Respondent was first licensed to practice professional nursing in the state of Texas on September 1, 1988.

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

06/1988-06/1989	OR Intern	The Methodist Hospital Houston, Texas
06/1989-10/1991	Scrub/Circulating Nurse OR	Northeast Medical Center Hospital Humble, Texas
10/1991-08/1992	Scrub/Circulating Nurse OR	San Jacinto Methodist Hospital Baytown, Texas
08/1982-03/1996	Scrub/Circulating Nurse OR	Columbia Kingwood Medical Center Kingwood, Texas
03/1996-11/1998	Scrub/Circulating Nurse OR	Columbia East Houston Medical Center Hospital Houston, Texas
11/1998-Present	Scrub/Circulating Nurse OR	Travis Outpatient Surgery Center Houston, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse in the Operating Room with Columbia East Houston Medical Center, Houston, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) years, nine (9) months.

7. During the month of September, 1998, while employed with Columbia East Houston Medical Center, Houston, Texas, Respondent misappropriated supplies including a sterile fifteen (15) blade, a pack of Raytecs gauze, a steri-strip, 4-0 nylon suture, and a ten (10) cc vial of one-quarter percent (.25%) Marcaine from her place of employment which she used to remove a wart from a seventeen (17) year old neighbor's hand in her home in Crosby, Texas. Respondent's action of misappropriating supplies was a violation of the Health and Safety Code §483.041 (Possession of Dangerous Drug) and was likely to deceive and defraud the facility of the cost of the supplies.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violations of Article 4525(b)(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(1)&(15).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against License Number 547758, heretofore issued to REBECCA LYNN KENT, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Warning with Stipulations, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Art. 4513 et. seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 et. seq. and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to REBECCA LYNN KENT, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. It must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify

RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing ethics to include professional boundaries. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of Six Hundred Dollars (\$600). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

**IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT CHOOSE TO PRACTICE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING, UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT:**

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this

Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in professional nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT's license. RESPONDENT SHALL present a copy of this Order to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in professional nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a professional nurse.

(7) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT's capability to practice professional nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) months for one (1) year of employment as a professional nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license to practice professional 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 violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, 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 is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

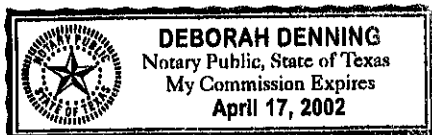
Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 19 99

Rebecca Lynn Kent  
REBECCA LYNN KENT, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 19 99.

SEAL

Deborah Denning  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September, 19 99, by REBECCA LYNN KENT, License Number 547758, and said Order is final.

Effective this 28th day of October, 19 99.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Katherine A. Thomas".

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