



## Texas Board of Nursing

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN  
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

June 8, 2021

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Rhiannon M. Petty  
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We previously provided you with notice that an investigation was being initiated into the following alleged violations of the Nursing Practice Act and/or the Board's Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure, and Practice:

- On or about March 3, 2020, you were arrested by the Montgomery County Constables office, New Caney, Texas, for IMPROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EDUCATOR/STUDENT, a 2nd Degree felony offense.
- On or about 2019 to February 3, 2020, while employed as a Registered Nurse with New Caney Independent School District and on assignment at Porter High School, Porter, Texas, you engaged in an intimate relationship with a 17-year-old student that included inappropriate communication and conduct.

We have received information confirming you were physically incarcerated in the Montgomery County Jail beginning approximately May 20, 2021, based on your conviction of IMPROPER RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN EDUCATOR/STUDENT, a 2nd Degree Felony offense, in the 435th District Court, Montgomery County, Texas, under Cause No. 20-03-03053.

**Therefore, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53.021(b), Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 689242, and Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 163676 were revoked, by operation of law, on May 20, 2021, the date that your incarceration commenced.**

You are entitled to a formal Complaint, Notice of Hearing, and a hearing in which you may present evidence to show that you are not physically incarcerated or have not been physically incarcerated due to your felony conviction(s) or felony probation revocation. You are also entitled to representation by an attorney if you desire. In the event you are not physically incarcerated or have not been physically incarcerated, your written request for a hearing before the State Office of Administrative Hearings must be received in this office within twenty (20) days of receipt of this letter.

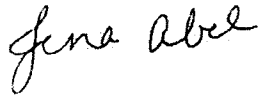
Please be advised that you may not practice as a nurse or engage in any activities that require a license issued by this Board. Should you desire to return to the practice of nursing in Texas, you may contact our office to request a reinstatement petition. However, you will not be eligible for reinstatement until: at least one (1) year has elapsed from the effective date of your revocation, and you are released from imprisonment. Any reinstatement will then be subject to the regulations in effect at that time.

Kathleen Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP  
Lubbock, President

Allison Porter-Edwards, DrPH, MS, RN, CNE  
Bellaire, Vice-President

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-6822.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jena R. Abel".

Jena R. Abel, Deputy General Counsel  
Board Certified - Administrative Law - Texas Board of Legal Specialization

cc: Montgomery County Jail  
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