



Texas Board of Nursing

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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

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Iris Kathleen Forrest
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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 April 9, 2019, you were found Guilty of Count 1-CONSPIRACY TO PAY AND RECEIVE HEALTH CARE BRIBES AND KICKBACKS, committed from in or around early 2008, through the end of 2012, and Count 3-OFFERING OR PAYING AND SOLICITING OR RECEIVING ILLEGAL REMUNERATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ANTI-KICKBACK STATUTE AND AIDING AND ABETTING, committed on or about November 15, 2011 through in or about the end of 2012, in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, under Cause No. 3:16 CR 516.

We have received information confirming you were physically incarcerated in the Federal Bureau of Prisons beginning approximately May 11, 2021, based on your conviction of CONSPIRACY TO PAY AND RECEIVE HEALTH CARE BRIBES AND KICKBACKS, and Count III. OFFERING OR PAYING AND SOLICITING OR RECEIVING ILLEGAL REMUNERATION AND AIDING AND ABETTING, a felony offense, in the United States District Court, Northern District of Texas Dallas Division, under Cause No. Case No. 3:16-CR-00516-JJZ (18).

Therefore, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53.021(b), Permanent Vocational Nurse License Number 133088 was revoked, by operation of law, on May 11, 2021, the date that your incarceration commenced.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.

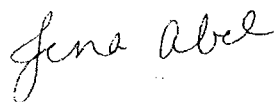
Please be advised that you may not practice as a nurse or engage in any activities that require a license issued by this Board. Should you desire to return to the practice of nursing in Texas, you may contact our office to request a reinstatement petition. However, you will not be eligible for reinstatement 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". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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

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