



## Texas Board of Nursing

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*Katherine A. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

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Kelly Ames  
200 Hillside Court  
Forney, TX 75126

Dear Ms. Ames:

Information has been received by this office alleging that you represented yourself as a registered nurse in Texas. Specifically:

- On or about April 26, 2021, through July 6, 2021, while employed as a Registered Nurse (RN) with Dallas Regional Medical Center, Mesquite, Texas, you were practicing without a valid license. On or about April 22, 2021, your license was Revoked by Default.

This office shows no record of a Texas nursing license being issued to you under your current name or Social Security Number. Further, we find no record of you having a current nurse licensure compact privilege to practice nursing in Texas.

You are hereby directed to **CEASE and DESIST** from representing yourself as a nurse and/or from the practice of nursing in Texas. Authorization for this Cease and Desist demand may be found in the Texas Nursing Practice Act, TEX. OCC. CODE, §301.251(a), which states:

- (a) A person may not practice or offer to practice professional or vocational nursing in this state unless the person is licensed as provided by this chapter.

Further, TEX. OCC. CODE §301.251(b)&(d) state:

(b) Unless the person holds a license under this chapter, a person may not use, in connection with the person's name:

- (1) the title "Registered Nurse," "Professional Nurse," "Licensed Vocational Nurse," "Vocational Nurse," "Licensed Practical Nurse," "Practical Nurse," or "Graduate Nurse";
- (2) the abbreviation "RN," "LVN," "VN," "LPN," or "PN"; or
- (3) any other designation tending to imply that the person is a licensed registered nurse or vocational nurse.

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Kathleen Shipp, MSN, RN, FNP  
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(d) Unless the person holds a license under this chapter, a person may not use, in connection with the person's name:

- (1) the title "nurse"; or
- (2) any designation tending to imply that the person is licensed to provide nursing care.

You are advised that a person commits an offense of at least a Class A misdemeanor for a violation of TEX. OCC. CODE §301.251. In some cases, a felony of the third degree may be charged. Under the authority of TEX. OCC. CODE §301.471, this matter may be reported to a local law enforcement agency or the attorney general for prosecution.

If you possess a valid Texas nursing license or a current nurse license compact privilege to practice nursing in Texas and feel our records are in error, please provide this office with accurate information regarding your licensure status in the State of Texas and/or any other state in the Nurse Licensure Compact that would authorize your practice as a nurse in Texas.

Pursuant to TEX. OCC. CODE §301.471, you have the right to a public hearing before an Administrative Law Judge with the State Office of Administrative Hearings. To request a hearing, please submit a written request to the attention of the Office of General Counsel, 333 Guadalupe, Suite 3-460, Austin, Texas, 78701. Your written request for a hearing must be received in our office **before the 11th day after the date this cease and desist demand is served on you, or you will not be entitled to receive a hearing on this matter.**

If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-6838.

Sincerely,



Anthony L. Diggs, MSCJ  
Director of Enforcement

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