In the Matter of **Permanent Vocational Nurse** License Number 177748 Issued to LESA DANIELLE MARKS, Respondent

**BEFORE THE TEXAS** §

**BOARD OF NURSING** 

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**ELIGIBILITY AND** 

**DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE** 

# ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Lesa Marks 300 Cr 1540 Alba, TX 75410

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on November 14, 2023, 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 Vocational Nurse License

Number 177748, previously issued to LESA DANIELLE MARKS 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 14th day of November, 2023.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY: Kustin K. Benton, DNP, RN

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment: Formal Charges filed July 7, 2023

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the WHY day of NWEMPEY, 2023 a true and
correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s),
as follows:

<u>Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested,</u>
<u>Copy Via USPS First Class Mail</u>
Lesa Marks
300 Cr 1540
Alba, TX 75410

BY: Kristin & Genter, SNP, PN

Kristin K. Benton, DNP, RN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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Permanent Vocational Nurse
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Respondent

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#### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, LESA DANIELLE MARKS, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 177748, which is in delinquent 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 March 15, 2023, Respondent pled Guilty to POSS CS PG 1/1-B <1G, a State Jail Felony offense committed on July 22, 2022, in the 8th Judicial District Court of Hopkins County, Texas, under Cause No. 2229467. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3), Texas Occupations Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license(s) and/or privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33 and Tex. OCC. CODE Ch. 53.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct, and on adopted policies related to Substance Use Disorders and Other Alcohol and Drug Related Conduct, which can be found under the "Discipline & Complaints; Board Policies & Guidelines" section of the Board's website, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

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, <a href="www.bon.texas.gov">www.bon.texas.gov</a>.

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that Respondent's past disciplinary history, as set out below and described in the Order(s) which is/are attached and incorporated by reference as part of these charges, will be offered in support of the disposition recommended by staff: Order(s) of the Board dated June 15, 2011.

Filed this 7th day of July, 2023.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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Attachment(s): Order(s) of the Board dated June 15, 2011.

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### BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Vocational Nurse License Number 177748 issued to LESA DANIELLE BURNS § AGREED ORDER

§ FOR

8 DEFERRED DISCIPLINE

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of LESA DANIELLE BURNS, Vocational Nurse License Number 177748, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on March 25, 2011, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

# 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(s).
- 2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
- 3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from North Central Texas College, Gainesville, Texas on August 10, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on October 6, 2000.
- 5. Respondent's complete vocational nursing employment history includes:

10/00-09/05

Unknown

10/05-10/06

LVN

American Home Care Emory, Texas Respondent's complete vocational nursing employment history continued:

11/06-5/07	Unknown	
06/07-03/08	LVN	Carriage House Manor Sulphur Springs, Texas
10/07-03/08	LVN	Sulphur Springs Health and Rehab Sulphur Springs, Texas
04/08-06/08	LVN	Wood Memorial Northwest Unknown
06/08-11/08	LVN	Green Acres Northwest Unknown
12/08-03/09	LVN	Winnsboro Presbyterian Hospital Winnsboro, Texas
4/09 - present	Unknown	

- 6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Winnsboro Presbyterian Hospital, Winnsboro, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately three (3) months.
- 7. On or about March 18, 2009 and March 19, 2009, while employed with Winnsboro Presbyterian Hospital, Winnsboro, Texas, Respondent failed to administered patient #84676's nicotine patch as ordered. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patient in that failure to administer medications as ordered by the physician could have resulted in nonefficacious treatment.
- 8. In response to Findings of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states the nicotine patch was on the MAR at an odd time of the day and she simply overlooked it. Respondent states she realized it when it was brought to her attention. Furthermore, at the time Respondent states she believes she had 12 patients on the unit and was in charge of giving all scheduled medications as well as PRN to all patients on the unit.
- On or about March 24, 2009, while employed with Winnsboro Presbyterian Hospital, Winnsboro, Texas, Respondent failed to note a late entry when she transcribed the Current Home Medications, that were not transcribed by the admitting nurse, and dated them for March 21, 2009. Respondent admitted she dated the orders March 21, 2009, which was the date they should have been written. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure the patients in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation to further medicate the patient. Additionally, Respondent's conduct could have caused confusion regarding orders.

In response to Findings of Fact Number Nine (9), Respondent states when she came to work and was checking her MARs to her orders she realized that the admitting nurse did not write the admitting medication orders for the patient, so she went back and wrote the orders.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
- 3. The evidence received is sufficient to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(B),(C)&(D) and 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(B).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational Nurse License Number 177748, heretofore issued to LESA DANIELLE BURNS, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a REMEDIAL EDUCATION, DEFERRED, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 et seq. and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are

encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

#### IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

- (1) RESPONDENT SHALL not commit any violation of the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 et seq. for a period of five (5) years from the date of this Order.
- (2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. 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 shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address:

# http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.

- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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 shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of

recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office to verify RESPONDENT'S successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: <a href="http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html">http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html</a>.

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: <a href="http://learningext.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary">http://learningext.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary</a>.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that should an additional allegation, complaint, accusation, or petition be reported or filed against Respondent prior to the completion of this Order, the deferral period shall be extended until the allegation, accusation, or petition has been finally acted upon by the Board.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that should RESPONDENT commit a subsequent violation of the Nursing Practice Act or Board Rules, this Order shall be treated as prior disciplinary action.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order,

including the successful completion of the required period of deferral, the complaint or complaints which formed the basis for this action will be dismissed and this Order will be made confidential to the same extent as a complaint filed under Section 301.466, Texas Occupations Code. Further, all encumbrances will be removed from Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that until such time that this Order is made confidential, this Order is subject to disclosure in accordance with applicable law.

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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, the Board may stay the dismissal of the complaint filed against me, and that I will be subject to investigation and possible disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 13 day of	June, 20 11.	
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LESA DANIELLE BURNS, Respondent		

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of June

L DIANE CAUGHRON My Commission Expires June 21, 2012

Notary Public in and for the State of \_

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order for Deferred Discipline that was signed on the 13th day of June, 2011, by LESA DANIELLE BURNS, Vocational Nurse License Number 177748, and said Order is final.



Effective this 15th day of June, 2011.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf

of said Board