

Texas Board of Nursing

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Executive Director

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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 December 7, 2024, you pled Guilty to and were convicted of MURDER, 1st Degree Felony offense committed on December 18, 2022, in the 82nd Judicial District Court of Falls County, Texas, under Cause No. 11297. As a result of the conviction, you were sentenced to confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division, for a Life sentence and ordered to pay a fine and court cost.

We have received information confirming you were physically incarcerated in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Institutional Division beginning approximately January 27, 2025, based on your conviction of MURDER, a 1st Degree offense, in the 82nd Judicial District Court of Falls County, Texas, under Cause No. 11297.

Therefore, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53.021(b), Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 731895 was revoked, by operation of law, on January 27, 2025, the date that your incarceration commenced.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, <u>and</u> you are released from imprisonment. Any reinstatement will then be subject to the regulations in effect at that time.

I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate and tredecument which is on file or is of record in the office.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-6879.

Sincerely,

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John Vanderford, Deputy General Counsel

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