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Dustin Adlai Yates  
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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 July 15, 2025, you were convicted of CAPITAL MURDER WHILE REMUNERATION, 1st Degree Felony offense committed on December 2, 2024, in the 7th Judicial District Court of Smith County, Texas, under Cause No. 007-0323-25. As a result of the conviction, you were sentenced to confinement in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional Division for a period of thirty (30) years and ordered to pay court costs.

We have received information confirming you were physically incarcerated in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice institutional Division beginning approximately August 29, 2025, based on your conviction of CAPITAL MURDER WHILE REMUNERATION, a 1st Degree Felony offense, in the 7th Judicial District Court, Smith County, Texas, under Cause No. 007-0323-25.

**Therefore, pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 53.021(b), Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 845542 was revoked, by operation of law, on August 29, 2025, the date that your incarceration commenced.**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, and you are released from imprisonment. Any reinstatement will then be subject to the regulations in effect at that time.

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**Kathleen Shipp, MSN, APRN, FNP**  
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If you have any questions, please contact me at (512) 305-6879.

Sincerely,

  
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