BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED License Number 696580 and Licensed § Vocational Nurse Number 165827 § ORDER

ORDER

Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of FURQAN SHUJA KHAN, Registered Nurse License Number 696580 and Vocational Nurse License Number 165827, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 302.402(a)(2)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, (effective September 1, 2001). Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on August 10, 2010, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, subject to ratification by the Board.

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 licenses.
- 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas. Respondent holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the state of Texas, which is in Inactive status.
- 4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from an Army Practical Nurse Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, on September 19, 1997 and an Associate Degree in Professional Nursing from Liaquat National Hospital, Karachi, Pakistan, on September 21, 1994. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on November 25, 1997 and Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the

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State of Texas on June 17, 2003.

- 5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
- 6. On or about April 12, 2001, Respondent was arrested by the Tarrant County College Police Department, Tarrant County, Texas for TAMPERING WITH GOVT REC-LIC, SEAL, CERTIF, PERMIT (a 3rd Degree felony offense).

On or about January 28, 2002, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to TAMPERING WITH GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS, TO WIT: A PUBLIC SCHOOL RECORD WITH KNOWLEDGE OF ITS FALSITY (a 3rd Degree felony offense committed on March 29, 2001), in the 372nd District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause No. 0817612D. 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 two (2) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

7. On or about April 25, 2003, Respondent submitted a Temporary License/ Endorsement Application to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he answered "No" to the question:

"Have you ever been convicted or received deferred adjudication for a crime other than minor traffic violations?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about January 28, 2002, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to TAMPERING WITH GOVERNMENTAL RECORDS, TO WIT: A PUBLIC SCHOOL RECORD WITH KNOWLEDGE OF ITS FALSITY, in the 372nd District Court of Tarrant County, Texas, under Cause No. 0817612D. 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 two (2) years.

8. In Response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states he did not disclose the offense on his initial application for licensure, however, he is disclosing the offense now on his 2010 renewal because after reviewing the website and newsletter, he realized he should have disclosed the offense. He states his initial non-disclosure was from his lack of understanding of legal terminology, as he thought his case was "dismissed" and therefore need not be disclosed.

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 302.402(a)(2),(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code (effective September 1, 2001), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §239.11(8)&(29)(A) (effective September 1999).
- 4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 696580 and Vocational Nurse License Number 165827, heretofore issued to FURQAN SHUJA KHAN, including revocation of Respondent's licenses 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 WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND A FINE, 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 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 licenses 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred and

fifty (\$250.00)dollars. RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

(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 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.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, SHOULD RESPONDENT PRACTICE AS A NURSE IN THE STATE OF TEXAS, RESPONDENT WILL PROVIDE DIRECT PATIENT CARE AND PRACTICE IN A HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME, OR OTHER CLINICAL SETTING AND

RESPONDENT MUST WORK IN SUCH SETTING A MINIMUM OF SIXTY-FOUR (64) HOURS PER MONTH UNDER THE FOLLOWING STIPULATIONS FOR ONE (1) YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT. THE LENGTH OF THE STIPULATION PERIOD WILL BE EXTENDED UNTIL SUCH TWELVE (12) MONTHS HAVE ELAPSED. PERIODS OF UNEMPLOYMENT OR OF EMPLOYMENT THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE USE OF A REGISTERED NURSE (RN) OR VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) LICENSE WILL NOT APPLY TO THIS STIPULATION PERIOD:

- (3) RESPONDENT SHALL notify each present employer in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S licenses. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each present employer within five (5) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL notify all future employers in nursing of this Order of the Board and the stipulations on RESPONDENT'S licenses. RESPONDENT SHALL present a complete copy of this Order and all Proposals for Decision issued by the Administrative Law Judge, if any, to each future employer prior to accepting an offer of employment.
- (4) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each present employer in nursing to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within ten (10) days of receipt of this Order. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each future employer to submit the Notification of Employment form, which is provided to the Respondent by the Board, to the Board's office within five (5) days of employment as a nurse.
- (5) RESPONDENT SHALL be supervised by a Registered Nurse who is on the premises. The supervising nurse is not required to be on the same unit or ward as RESPONDENT,

but should be on the facility grounds and readily available to provide assistance and intervention if necessary. The supervising nurse shall have a minimum of two (2) years experience in the same or similar practice setting to which the Respondent is currently working. RESPONDENT SHALL work only regularly assigned, identified and predetermined unit(s). RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be employed by a nurse registry, temporary nurse employment agency, hospice, or home health agency. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT be self-employed or contract for services. Multiple employers are prohibited.

(6) RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE each employer to submit, on forms provided to the Respondent by the Board, periodic reports as to RESPONDENT'S capability to practice nursing. These reports shall be completed by the Registered Nurse who supervises the RESPONDENT. These reports shall be submitted by the supervising nurse to the office of the Board at the end of each three (3) month period for one (1) year of employment as a nurse.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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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, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 11 day of DECEMBER, 2010.

FURQAN SHUJA KHAN, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this

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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 11th day of <u>December</u>, 20_10_, by FURQAN SHUJA KHAN, Registered Nurse License Number 696580 and Vocational Nurse License Number 165827, and said Order is final.

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Effective this 27th day of January, 20 11.

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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN Executive Director on behalf of said Board