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Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§
License Number 562390	§
issued to JOHN STANFORD DRISCOLL	§

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 562390, issued to JOHN STANFORD DRISCOLL, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Wharton County Junior College, Wharton, Texas on May 17, 1990. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in August 31, 1990.

4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

1990 - 2000	Unknown	
2000 - 2002	Education Director	Valley Baptist Medical Center Harlingen, TX

Respondent's nursing employment history continued includes:

2002 - 2005	Charge Registered Nurse	Gulf Coast Medical Center Wharton, TX
2005 - 2007	Charge Registered Nurse	Valley Baptist Medical Center Brownsville, TX
7/2007 - Unknown	Emergency Care Nurse	El Campo Memorial Hospital El Campo, TX

5. On July 29, 2010, Respondent was sent a proposed Agreed Order issuing a Reprimand with Stipulations, which contained the following Findings of Fact:

   A. On or about October 2007 through March 18, 2008, while employed and on duty as a Staff Nurse in the Emergency Department, El Campo Memorial Hospital, El Campo, Texas, Respondent exhibited behavior, which caused emotional harm to patients, in that he:
      1. was rude to a patient and refused to provide care if the patient did not provide him with a Medicare card in October 2007. Said patient left and went to another hospital, which was farther away, where he was diagnosed with a blood clot;
      2. made inappropriate comments to a patient regarding the patient's Mexican heritage on or about November 1, 2007;
      3. made inappropriate comments about a patient, who overheard him, which caused said patient to cry on or about March 18, 2008; and
      4. became angry and verbally abusive, and left the facility without notifying his supervisor or ensuring there was adequate licensed nurse coverage, which disrupted patient care on or about March 18, 2008.

   B. On or about March 17, 2008, while employed at El Campo Memorial Hospital, El Campo, Texas, Respondent failed to assess or intervene appropriately when Patient FA presented to the Emergency Department with a laceration to the dorsal aspect of his left hand. Respondent assessed the laceration and sent Patient FA to a side door where he applied an adhesive dressing and then sent Patient FA away instead of admitting to the Emergency Department or allowing the Emergency Department physician to treat Patient FA. Consequently, the next day, Patient FA went to his personal physician with complaints of pain, swelling and redness around the laceration site. Patient FA's personal physician determined that the patient's hand was infected, which required treatment with antibiotics. Additionally, Patient FA required a tetanus immunization, since it had been ten (10) years since his last immunization. Respondent's conduct exceeded his scope of practice and deprived the patient of timely detection and medical intervention, which may have prevented Patient FA from experiencing infection at the laceration site.

6. On August 17, 2010, Respondent contacted the Board and stated he physically was unable to practice professional nursing at this time. Respondent submitted a statement expressing his desire to voluntarily surrender his license to practice professional nursing. A copy of the August 17, 2010, statement is attached and incorporated, by reference as part of this order.

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 violations of Section 301.452(b)(10) & (13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(B),(C),(M) & (P) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A) & (B), (4), (6)(C).

4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.

5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.

6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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To:: Cynthia A. Smith 8/17/2010

From: John Stanford Driscoll

Dear Ms. Smith;

I would request a Voluntary Surrender of my license 562390 at this time.

Thank you for all your assistance with these matters.

Sincerely;

John Stanford Driscoll

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 562390, heretofore issued to JOHN STANFORD DRISCOLL, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title of "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying as a nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.

2. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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.

Effective this 23rd day of August, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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