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Patricia P. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS**

In the Matter of Permanent Certificate §
Number 526546 issued to §
CAROLYN JOYCE HUSTON §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

To: Carolyn Joyce Huston
333 Chapel Hill Road
Abilene, Texas 79603

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of professional nurse license number 526546, issued to Carolyn Joyce Huston, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Article 4525.1(c), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice was provided to Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license.
2. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Trinity Valley Community College, Athens, Texas in August 1985.

4. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

1/86 to 6/87	Staff RN Charter Suburban Hospital Mesquite, Texas
7/87 to 11/88	Staff RN & Charge Nurse Parkland Memorial Hospital Dallas, Texas
1/91 to 12/91	RN Case Manager Community Home Health Dallas, Texas
12/88 to 1/94	Staff RN Classic Nurses Agency Dallas, Texas
12/94 to 5/96	Staff Nurse Walnut Place Nursing Home Dallas, Texas

5. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact number six (6), Respondent was employed as a staff nurse with Walnut Place Nursing Home, Dallas, Texas and had been in this position for five (5) months.
6. Respondent, while employed with Walnut Place Nursing Home, Dallas, Texas, on or about May 15, 1995, engaged in the intemperate use of Cocaine. Respondent produced a specimen for a drug screen which tested positive for Cocaine. Possession of Cocaine is prohibited by Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health & Safety Code. Cocaine is a controlled substance and the use of Cocaine by a registered nurse, while subject to duty or call, could endanger patients.
7. Respondent, while employed with Walnut Place Nursing Home, Dallas, Texas, on or about November 2, 1995, engaged in the intemperate use of Cocaine. Respondent produced a specimen for a drug screen which tested positive for Cocaine. Possession of Cocaine is prohibited by Chapter 481 (Controlled Substances Act) of the Texas Health & Safety Code. Cocaine is a controlled substance and the use of Cocaine by a registered nurse, while subject to duty or call, could endanger patients.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.

2. Notice was served in accordance with law.
3. Under Article 4525.1(c), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
4. Under Article 4525.1(d), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of license number 526546, heretofore issued to Carolyn Joyce Huston to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Board of Nurse Examiners. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL immediately deliver the wallet-size license, heretofore issued to Carolyn Joyce Huston, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered 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.
3. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement until she can provide evidence of five (5) years of consecutive sobriety.
4. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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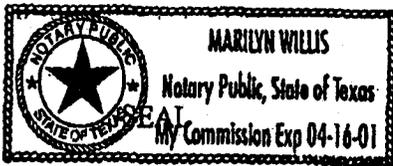
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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. By my signature on this order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Agreed Sanctions, and conditions of this order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanctions. I waive judicial review of this order. I understand that when the signed and notarized order is received in the office of the Board, the terms of this order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 15 day of December, 1997.

Carolyn Joyce Huston
CAROLYN JOYCE HUSTON

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of December, 1997.



Marilyn Willis
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Signed this _____ day of _____, 19____.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners
for the State of Texas does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of nursing license number 526546,
previously issued to Carolyn Joyce Huston.

Effective this 30th day of December, 1997.



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