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Patricia P. Johnson
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 126491	§	
issued to KAREN TERESA PURTLE	§	ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 126491, issued to KAREN TERESA PURTLE, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c) of the Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and 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 of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact 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 waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Nursing from Texarkana Community College, Texarkana, Texas, on August 22, 1989. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on December 7, 1989.
5. Respondent's vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about July 7, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of FRAUDULENT POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/PRESCRIPTION SCHEDULE I/II (a 2nd Degree felony offense committed on January 31, 2009), in the 276th Judicial District Court of Marion County, Texas, under Cause No. F14017. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of five (5) years; however, the imposition of sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs. Furthermore, Respondent agreed to voluntarily relinquish her nursing license.
7. On or about July 7, 2009, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of FRAUDULENT POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/PRESCRIPTION SCHEDULE I/II (a 2nd Degree felony offense committed on January 27, 2009), in the 276th Judicial District Court of Marion County, Texas, under Cause No. F14018. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for a period of five (5) years; however, the imposition of sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of five (5) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs. Furthermore, Respondent agreed to voluntarily relinquish her nursing license.
8. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
9. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
10. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B)&(13).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Vocational License Number 126491, heretofore issued to KAREN TERESA PURTLE, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
5. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
7. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS AGREED and ORDERED that the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER of Vocational License Number 126491, heretofore issued to KAREN TERESA PURTLE, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.
3. 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 multistate privilege, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

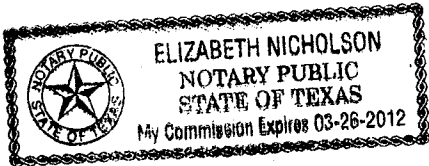
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and 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 becomes final when accepted by the Executive Director at which time the terms of this Order become effective and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 10th day of Aug, 2009

Karen Teresa Purtle
KAREN TERESA PURTLE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of August, 2009.

SEAL



Elizabeth Nichols
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 126491, previously issued to KAREN TERESA PURTLE.

Effective this 17th day of August, 2009.



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

7-27-09

⇒ Karen Durtle voluntarily surrendered
my KVN license # 04728, due to
court order in Marion County, TX.
'sued on 7-6-09. There is no need
for further investigation on the state
Board's part.

Thank you,
Karen Durtle
7-27-09

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