

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE  
NUMBER 655034  
ISSUED TO  
TARA LEE MITCHELL

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY  
AND DISCIPLINARY  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE TEXAS  
BOARD OF NURSING



I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.  
*Patricia R. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: Tara Lee Mitchell  
2200 Las Brisas Way, #307  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on August 18, 2009, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case. This case was heard, and based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for rehearing (22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.2(j)). All parties have a right to judicial review of this Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 655034, previously issued to Tara Lee Mitchell, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 18th day of August, 2009.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:   
KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

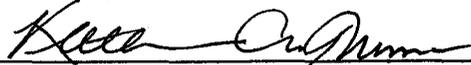
Re: Permanent Certificate Number 655034  
Issued to Tara Lee Mitchell  
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served by placement in the U.S. Mail via certified mail, and addressed to the following person(s):

Tara Lee Mitchell  
2200 Las Brisas Way, #307  
Sierra Vista, Arizona 85635

BY:

  
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KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

**In the Matter of Permanent License** § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**  
**Number 655034, Issued to** §  
**TARA LEE MITCHELL, Respondent** § **BOARD OF NURSING**

### **FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, TARA LEE MITCHELL, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 655034, which is in CURRENT status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

#### **CHARGE I.**

On May 6, 2005, Respondent plead guilty to FORGERY - CHECK/COMMERCIAL INSTRUMENT, (a class 5 felony offense committed on November 29, 2004) in the 4th Judicial District of El Paso County, Colorado, Case Number 2004CR005874. As a result of the guilty plea, Respondent received an unsupervised deferred sentence and was ordered to pay court costs and restitution.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

#### **CHARGE II.**

On or about January 31, 2007, Respondent provided false and deceptive information on the Board of Nurse Examiners Texas Online Renewal Document, in that she answered "no" to the following question:

"Have you ever been convicted, placed on community supervision whether or not adjudicated guilty, sentenced to serve jail or prison time or granted pre-trial diversion, or plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country.....

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Respondent's conduct was likely to mislead the Texas Board of Nursing when making the decision to renew Respondent's Registered Nurse license.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2),

&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(H)&(6)(I).

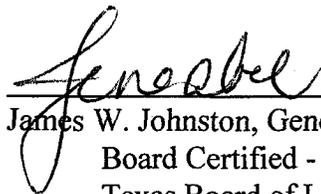
NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of revocation of Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Board's rules, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 213.27 - 213.33. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to § 301.461, TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Lying and Falsification, Fraud, Theft & Deception which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

Filed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of May, 20 09.

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