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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 744655 § AGREED
and Vocational Nurse License Number 151518 § ORDER
issued to SARAH KATHERINE ARREDONDO §

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of SARA KATHERINE ARREDONDO, Registered Nurse License Number 744655, and Vocational Nurse License Number 151518, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(2) & (10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on July 6, 2009, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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 and vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received a Certificate from San Jacinto College South on December 16, 1994, was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on February 22, 1995. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from N. Harris Community College, Houston, Texas on May 11, 2007 was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 17, 2007
5. Respondent's professional and vocational nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about February 28, 2007, a fingerprint criminal history search was run which disclosed the following offenses:

- A. On or about September 26, 1990, Respondent was arrested by the Deer Park Police Department, Deer Park, Texas, for MINOR IN POSS OF ALCOHOL. Respondent was subsequently convicted for MINOR IN POSS OF ALCOHOL and ordered to pay a fine.
- B. On or about January 12, 1991, Respondent was arrested by the Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena, Texas, for BURGLARY OF HABITATION (a 1st Degree felony offense).

On or about May 23, 1991, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to BURGLARY OF A HABITATION WITH INTENT TO COMMIT THEFT (a 1st Degree felony offense committed on January 11, 1991), in the 180th District Court of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 585869. 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 ten (10) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of two thousand one hundred dollars (\$2100), a fine and court costs. Respondent's probation was terminated on February 2, 1995.

7. In response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states:

- A. She was with some friends outside a parked car. Inside the car was an open container of alcohol. Only one of the parties had been drinking, Respondent states "they" were asked to dump it out and everyone present received a citation for minor in possession.
- B. Respondent states she was married to an abusive, drug and alcohol addict. While living in an apartment and in financial distress. Her husband decided he was going to rob someone so he could sell the items for money. He targeted a friend and told Respondent to get the key to the friends house. She was threatened by this and gave up the key. Respondent states her husband robbed the friends house with another friend that resembled Respondent. Respondent convinced her husband to let her return the stolen merchandise back. When the merchandise was returned they were arrested.

8. On or about February 9, 2007, Respondent submitted an Application By Examination to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, and answered "No" to the 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 pled guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, or received a court order whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations)? This includes expunged

offenses and deferred adjudications with or without a finding of guilt. Please note that DUIs, DWIs, and PIs must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations. One time minor in possession (MIP) or minor in consumption (MIC) does not need to be disclosed; therefore, you may answer "No." If you have two or more MIPs or MICs, you must answer "Yes." You may answer "No" if you have previously disclosed a criminal matter otherwise responsive to this question in a renewal and/or licensure form.

- A. On or about September 26, 1990, Respondent was convicted of MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL in Deer Park, Texas.
 - B. On or about January 13, 1991, Respondent pled guilty to BURGLARY OF HABITATION, and proceedings were subsequently deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt.
9. In response to Finding of Fact Number Eight(8), Respondent states: She did not read the questions properly, she was told during probation she could always answer no to a question that said have you ever been convicted of a Felony. Respondent states she was always nervous that she would not answer correctly. Respondent had someone from the school helping her and said they both read the question wrong. She truly did not try to give false information when applying.
10. On or about February 28, 2007, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, and answered "No" to the 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 pled guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, or received a court order whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrests whether or not on appeal (excluding minor Class C traffic violations)? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without a finding of guilt.”
- A. On or about September 26, 1990, Respondent was convicted of MINOR IN POSSESSION OF ALCOHOL in Deer Park, Texas.
 - B. On or about January 13, 1991, Respondent pled guilty to BURGLARY OF HABITATION, Pasadena, Texas and proceedings were subsequently deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt.
11. In response to Finding of Fact Number Ten(10), Respondent states: She received a letter requesting information on her past. Respondent states the allegations were taken care of in 2007 when she was applying for the RN program. After talking to someone at the Board she was advised her LVN file was archived and would have to be searched. During another conversation Respondent was advised LVN information was found and would be transferred to the RN file. After leaving several messages in regards to the information, Respondent states after a week she never received a response. Respondent states she did not read the questions properly, she was told during probation she could always answer no to a question

that said have you ever been convicted of a Felony. Respondent states she was always nervous that she would not answer correctly. She interpreted the first time she answered incorrectly and the second time in 2007 she did the same. Respondent had someone from the school helping her and said they both read the question wrong. She truly did not try to give false information when applying.

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)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12 6(I) & (13).
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 744655 and Vocational Nurse License Number 151518, heretofore issued to SARAH KATHERINE ARREDONDO, 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 REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH 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 multistate licensure privilege, 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

multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas 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 five hundred dollars (\$500.00). 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 US 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 length. 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, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT's licenses and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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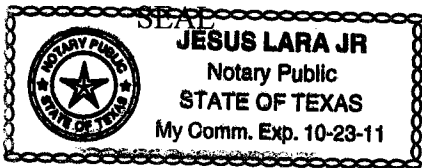
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 6 day of August, 2009.

Sarah Katherine Arredondo
SARAH KATHERINE ARREDONDO, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6 day of August, 2009.




[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the State of TX

Signed this 6 day of August, 2009.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 6th day of August, 2009, by SARAH KATHERINE ARREDONDO, Registered Nurse License Number 744655 and Vocational Nurse License Number 151518, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21st day of August, 2009.




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