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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED
License Number 531308 §
issued to RONALD WAYNE BENTLEY § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of RONALD WAYNE BENTLEY, Registered Nurse License Number 531308, 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 April 10, 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 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from College of Saint Mary, Omaha, Nebraska, on May 1, 1979, and a Baccalaureate Degree in Anesthesiology from the University of South Dakota, Vermillion, South Dakota, on July 1, 1982. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on April 28, 1986. Respondent became Board recognized as a Nurse Anesthetist in the State of Texas, on May 17, 1990.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

08/82 - 02/86	Nurse Anesthetist	Providence/St.Margaret's Health Center Kansas City, Kansas
02/86 - 09/87	Nurse Anesthetist	Texoma Medical Center Denison, Texas
09/87 - 11/89	Independent Practitioner	Community Hospital Elk City, Oklahoma
11/89 - 05/91	Nurse Anesthetist	Texoma Medical Center Denison, Texas
05/91 - 08/98	Nurse Anesthetist	Brownsville Surgicare Brownsville, Texas
08/98 - 02/00	Nurse Anesthetist	Brownsville Medical Center Brownsville, Texas
02/00 - 04/00	Unknown	
04/00 - 03/03	Nurse Anesthetist	Valley Regional Medical Center Brownsville, Texas
03/03 - 01/05	Nurse Anesthetist	Brownsville Surgical Hospital Brownsville, Texas
01/05 - Present	Nurse Anesthetist	Valley Baptist Medical Center Brownsville, Texas

6. On or about June 27, 2002, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document for Registered Nurses and Registered Nurses with Advanced Practice Authorization to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he answered "No" to the question: "Since issuance or last renewal, have you plead guilty (including no contest), been found guilty or convicted of any felony or misdemeanor other than a minor traffic violation? (Note: DWI or DUI, including first offenses, are not considered minor traffic violations.)."

On or about May 25, 2000, Respondent entered a plea of "No Contest" and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on January 12, 2000), in the County Court at Law, Brownsville, Texas, under Cause No. 00CCR14227B. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

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(23), effective September 1, 1999.
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 531308, heretofore issued to RONALD WAYNE BENTLEY, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional 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 license is 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 deliver the wallet-sized license issued to RONALD WAYNE BENTLEY to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00). 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 U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

(3) 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 license 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 violation 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 license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 day of May, 2009.

Ronald Wayne Bentley
RONALD WAYNE BENTLEY, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20 day of May, 2009.



Barbara Seals

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 ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 20th day of May, 2009, by RONALD WAYNE BENTLEY, Registered Nurse License Number 531308, and said Order is final.



Effective this 2nd day of June, 2009.

Katherine A. Thomas

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