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*Patricia P. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 669736           §        AGREED  
and Vocational Nurse License Number 150911                   §        ORDER  
issued to CARYL JOY BENTON                                           §

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 669736 and Vocational Nurse License Number 150911, issued to CARYL JOY BENTON, 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas. Respondent holds a license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas, which is in delinquent status.
4. Respondent received Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Sul Ross University, Alpine, Texas, on December 16, 1994, and an Associate Degree in Nursing from Angelo State University, San Angelo, Texas, on May 1, 2000. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on January 19, 1995, and Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on July 5, 2000.
5. Respondent's vocational and professional nursing employment histories are unknown.

6. On or about February 8, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to PENALTY GROUP ONE (1) POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, TO-WIT: MARIHUANA, IN AN AMOUNT OF FIVE (5) POUNDS OR LESS BUT MORE THAN FOUR (4) OUNCES (a State Jail Felony offense committed on August 20, 2006), in the 51st District Court, Coke County, Texas, under Cause No. 06-1264. 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 four (4) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
7. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
8. 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.
9. 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 a violation of Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(a), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse license Number 669736 and Vocational Nurse License Number 150911, heretofore issued to CARYL JOY BENTON, including revocation of Respondent's licenses 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 Registered License Number 669736 and Vocational License Number 150911, heretofore issued to CARYL JOY BENTON, 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 immediately deliver the wallet-sized licenses, heretofore issued to CARYL JOY BENTON, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered or vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered or vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
3. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order, and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
4. 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.

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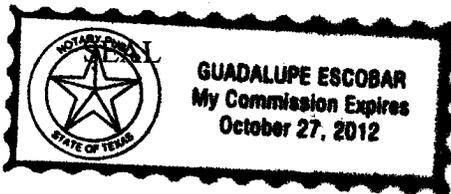
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 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 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.

Caryl Joy Benton  
CARYL JOY BENTON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2009.



Guadalupe Escobar  
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 Registered Nurse License Number 669736 and Vocational Nurse License Number 150911, previously issued to CARYL JOY BENTON.



Effective this 12th day of May, 2009.

*Katherine A. Thomas*

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

**In the Matter of Registered Nurse License** § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**  
**Number 669736, and Vocational Nurse License** §  
**Number 150911, Issued to** §  
**CARYL JOY BENTON, Respondent** § **BOARD OF NURSING**

**FORMAL CHARGES**

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CARYL JOY BENTON, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 669736, which is in notified status at the time of this pleading, and a Vocational Nurse holding license number 150911, which is in delinquent 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 or about February 8, 2007, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to PENALTY GROUP ONE (1) POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, TO-WIT: MARIHUANA, IN AN AMOUNT OF FIVE (5) POUNDS OR LESS BUT MORE THAN FOUR (4) OUNCES (a State Jail Felony offense committed on August 20, 2006), in the 51st District Court, Coke County, Texas, under Cause No. 06-1264. 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 four (4) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

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

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).

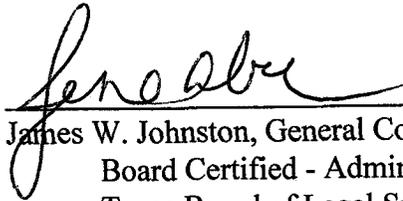
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NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Used Disorder which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

Filed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009.

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