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Patricia A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED
License Number 555825 and Vocational §
Nurse License Number 45209 §
issued to PATRICIA ANN TAGGART § ORDER

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 555825 and Vocational Nurse License Number 45209, issued to PATRICIA ANN TAGGART, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c) of the Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived 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 informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice nursing in the State of Texas. Respondent's license to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas is currently in "delinquent" status.
4. Respondent received a Certificate in Vocational Nursing from Orange Memorial Hospital, Orange, Texas, on February 2, 1970, received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, on April 1, 1989, and received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from The University of Texas Medical Branch - Galveston, Galveston, Texas, in 1999. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on March 28, 1970, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 25, 1989.

5. Respondent's employment history includes:

1967 - 1991	Staff Nurse, LVN & RN	Orange Memorial Hospital Orange, Texas
1989 - 2004	RN Case Manager/ Clinical Coordinator	Christus St. Mary's Hospital Port Arthur, Texas
1992 - 1999	Infusion Nurse	Infusion Management Services Beaumont, Texas
2004 - Unknown	Home Health Nurse	Maxim Healthcare Texas
10/2007 - 11/2007	Home Health Nurse	Jordan Health Services Jasper, Texas
12/2007 - Present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Home Health Nurse with Jordan Health Services, Jasper, Texas, and had been in this position for less than one (1) month.
7. On or about November 1, 2007, through November 2, 2007, while employed with Jordan Health Services, Jasper, Texas, Respondent was alleged to have handled Patient AV roughly; hitting her with pillows and keeping her awake during the night by clapping and telling her to wake up.
8. On or about November 4, 2008, and December 4, 2008, Respondent underwent a Forensic Psychological Evaluation Rion N. Hart, Ph.D. In the opinion of Dr. Hart, Respondent has clear indicators of impaired mental control, cognitive deficit, and impaired judgement which would prevent Respondent from being able to consistently behave in accordance with the rules of the Board of Nursing. According to Dr. Hart, Respondent's alleged conduct which occurred while employed with Jordan Health Services, if true, would almost certainly have been due to impairment, not willful act. Dr. Hart states that Respondent should not attempt to practice nursing, or be permitted to, unless her functioning improves markedly and can be substantiated through an independent evaluation.
9. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her willingness to voluntarily surrender her licenses to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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 violation of Section 301.452(b)(12)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A),(1)(R)&(1)(T).
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 555825 and Vocational Nurse License Number 45209, heretofore issued to PATRICIA ANN TAGGART, 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 these licenses 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 Nurse License Number 555825 and Vocational Nurse License Number 45209, heretofore issued to PATRICIA ANN TAGGART, 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 PATRICIA ANN TAGGART, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice nursing, use the title "registered" or "vocational" nurse or the abbreviation "RN"/"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 her ability to practice in accordance with the rules of the Board.
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 privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

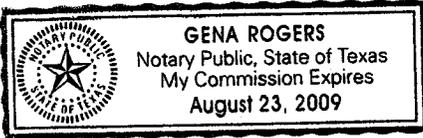
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I have reviewed this Order. I deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary 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 16th day of February, 2009.

Patricia Ann Taggart
PATRICIA ANN TAGGART, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of February, 2009.

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Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

Approved as to form and substance.

Stephen C. Howard
Stephen C. Howard, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 16 day of February, 2009.

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 555825 and Vocational Nurse License Number 45209, previously issued to PATRICIA ANN TAGGART.



Effective this 19th day of February, 2009.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Katherine A. Thomas', is written over a horizontal line.

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