

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 679695
ISSUED TO
SAMUEL TORRES

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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 A. Roman
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Samuel Torres
1909 South Palm Court Dr.
Harlingen, Texas 78552

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, February 10, 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 679695, previously issued to SAMUEL TORRES, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 697695, previously issued to SAMUEL TORRES, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

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 10th day of February, 2009.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 679695
Issued to SAMUEL TORRES
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 23 day of February, 2009, 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):

Samuel Torres
1909 South Palm Court
Harlingen, Texas 78552

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

**In the Matter of Permanent License
Number 679695, Issued to
SAMUEL TORRES, Respondent**

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**BEFORE THE TEXAS
BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SAMUEL TORRES, is a Registered Nurseholding license number 679695, 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 September 1, 2007, Respondent was arrested by the Harlingen Police Department, Harlingen, Texas, and subsequently charged with twelve (12) counts of "Possession of Child Pornography," Third Degree felony offenses, in Cameron County, Texas, under Cause No. 07-CR-1988-A.

On or about December 5, 2007, Respondent was Indicted in Cameron County, Texas, under Cause No. 07-CR-1988-A for twenty-four (24) Counts of POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY (Third Degree felony offenses committed on December 19, 2006). Each Count of the Indictment (Count I through Count XXIV) reads, in pertinent part: On or about December 19, 2006, SAMUEL TORRES, "did then and there intentionally or knowingly possess with intent to promote visual material that visually depicted, and that the defendant knew visually depicted, a child who was younger than 18 years of age at the time the image of the child was made, engaging in sexual conduct, to-wit: actual or simulated sexual intercourse or deviate sexual intercourse or lewd exhibition of the genitals.

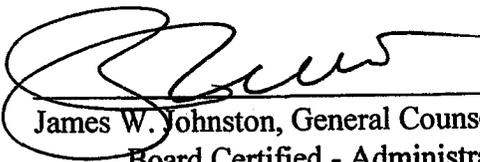
The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

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).

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.

Filed this 18th day of December, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



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