IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
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PERMANENT CERTIFICATE	§	AND DISCIPLINARY
	§	
NUMBER 190506	§	COMMITTEE
	§	
ISSUED TO	§	OF THE TEXAS
	§	
LAURA ANN MACKAY	§	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.
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Laura Ann Mackay
P.O. Box 304
Diana, Texas 75640

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on 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 vocational 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.

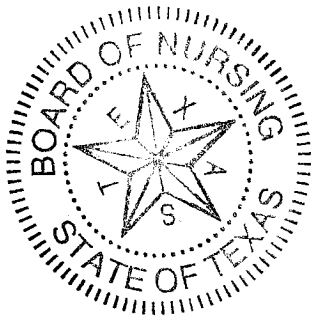
The Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. 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 190506, previously issued to LAURA ANN MACKAY, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 10th day of February, 2009.



TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse	§	**BEFORE THE TEXAS**
License Number 190506, Issued to	§	
LAURA ANN MACKAY, Respondent	§	**BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, LAURA ANN MACKAY, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 190506, 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 August 24, 2005, while employed with Whispering Pines Lodge, Longview, Texas, Respondent misappropriated Vicodin from the facility and the patients thereof. Respondent's conduct was likely to defraud the facility and the patients of the cost of the medication.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 302.402(a)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §239.11(1).

CHARGE II.

On or about January 9, 2007, Respondent entered a plea Guilty to the offense of Possession of a Controlled Substance, (a Misdemeanor committed on August 4, 2005), in the County Court Law of Gregg County, Texas, under Cause No. 20065394. As a result, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of two (2) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine in the amount of five hundred ($500.00) dollars and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B)&(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.

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 Use Disorder and Fraud, Theft & Deception which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

Filed this 4th day of December, 20 08.

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Re: Permanent Certificate Number 190506
Issued to LAURA ANN MACKAY
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of February, 20 09, 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):

Laura Ann Mackay
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Diana, Texas 75640

BY: Katherine A. Thomas
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