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*Patricia A. Plummer*  
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of Registered § AGREED  
Nurse License Number 690384 §  
issued to REXANNE ADAMS § ORDER

On this day, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 690384, issued to REXANNE ADAMS, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c) of the Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived informal conference 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 notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas is currently in "delinquent" status.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Penn Valley Community College School of Nursing, Kansas City, Missouri, in May 1996. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Missouri on July 9, 1996, and was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on September 6, 2002.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

08/1996 - 05/1997	Staff Nurse/ Charge Nurse	Horton Community Hospital Horton, Kansas
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Respondent's nursing employment history continued:

05/1997 - 11/1997	Staff Nurse, Med/Surg Unit	Lee's Summit Hospital Lee's Summit, Missouri
11/1997 - 07/2001	Staff Nurse, Emergency Dept.	Lee's Summit Hospital Lee's Summit, Missouri
07/2001 - 05/2002	Staff Nurse, Emergency Dept.	Medical Center of Independence Independence, Missouri
02/2002 - 08/2002	Staff Nurse, Emergency Dept.	St. Luke's Northland Hospital Kansas City, Missouri
09/2002 - 10/2002	Unknown	
11/2002 - 03/2003	Staff Nurse	Arlington Memorial South Hospital Urgent Care Center Arlington, Texas
04/2003 - 02/2004	Unknown	
03/2004 - Unknown	Staff Nurse, Emergency Dept.	St. Luke's Northland Hospital Kansas City, Missouri

6. At the time of the incident in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse and on assignment as the Triage Nurse with the Urgent Care Center of Arlington Memorial South Hospital, Arlington, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) months.
  
7. On or about January 3, 2003, while employed as a Staff Nurse and on assignment as the Triage Nurse with the Urgent Care Center of Arlington Memorial South Hospital, Arlington, Texas, Respondent failed to completely assess and intervene when Patient MP arrived with signs and symptoms including that the patient had a slightly elevated blood pressure along with non-radiating sharp mid-chest pain which increased with movement of standing, shortness of breath, a burning sensation from his stomach to throat, chills, diarrhea without nausea or vomiting, earlier numbness in his hands, and earlier diaphoresis. The patient stated that his symptoms began the night before, that he had gas, and that he recently had a virus. In addition, the patient was 5 foot 9 inches tall and weighed 230 pounds, and the patient may have smoked cigarettes. Respondent categorized the patient as a "Category II priority," which designated the patient as "Urgent," but not "Emergent," as in a "Category I priority." Respondent states she communicated her assessment findings to the Family Nurse Practitioner, who directed that the patient be registered first and placed in the waiting room. Respondent did not clarify or insist that the patient might have needed to be seen immediately. Respondent completed her shift, and three (3) hours and forty (40) minutes

later, after the patient had been placed in an examination room by another staff member and had been waiting to see a physician in the examination area for at least two (2) hours and twenty (20) minutes, the patient was found unresponsive in a rest room and was pronounced deceased. According to the autopsy report, the patient's cause of death was hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

8. On or about January 4, 2003, while employed as a Staff Nurse and on assignment as the Triage Nurse with the Urgent Care Center of Arlington Memorial South Hospital, Arlington, Texas, Respondent's Nurse Manager called Respondent after the patient was found deceased and told Respondent to return immediately to the facility to clarify Respondent's documentation. Respondent was told by the Nurse Manager to include the documentation that Respondent had spoken with the Nurse Practitioner about the patient. However, Respondent recopied the Urgent Care Nursing Assessment form but failed to correctly note on it that it had been recopied as part of a late entry and Respondent failed to attach the recopied form to the original form.
9. On or about November 28, 2006, Respondent voluntarily surrendered her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Missouri. A copy of the November 28, 2006, voluntary surrender is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.
10. Formal Charges were filed on January 29, 2007.
11. Charges were mailed to Respondent at her address of record on January 30, 2007.
12. In response to the incidents in Findings of Fact Numbers Seven (7) and Eight (8), Respondent states that she determined that the patient's symptoms did not require immediate attention because she believed they did not indicate the immediate loss of life, limb or vision, as so she triaged the patient as the next highest level, a Level II (Urgent). Respondent states that in her orientation with the Nurse Manager, she was told that Level I (Emergent) rankings were reserved for patients in a code situation. Respondent states she presented the patient assessment to the Family Nurse Practitioner because she was still on orientation. According to Respondent, the Family Nurse Practitioner told her that the patient could be returned to the waiting room. In addition, while Respondent admits that she should have noted her additional documentation as a late entry or as a copy, she states that she was told by the Nurse Manager to copy her nurses notes, and that she left both the original and the copy of the nursing assessment on the Nurse Manager's desk. Respondent states that she wishes to surrender her Texas nursing license because she wants to avoid further legal proceedings and she has no plans to return to Texas.
13. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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## 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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 217.11(4)&(18) and 217.12(2).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered License Number 690384, heretofore issued to REXANNE ADAMS, including revocation of Respondent's professional license 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 Nurse License Number 360384, heretofore issued to REXANNE ADAMS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Board of Nurse Examiners.

In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL immediately deliver the wallet-sized license, heretofore issued to REXANNE ADAMS, to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice professional nursing, use the title "registered nurse" or the abbreviation "RN" or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered 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.
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 have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor 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 27 day of June, 2007.

Rexanne Adams  
REXANNE ADAMS, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of June, 2007.

SEAL

Deborah L. Cabra  
Notary Public in and for the State of Missouri

DEBORAH L. CABRA  
Notary Public - Notary Seal  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
Commissioned in Clay County  
My Commission Expires 10/16/2007

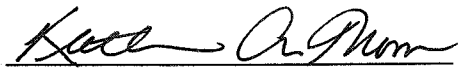
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Taralynn R. Mackay  
Taralynn Mackay, Attorney for Respondent

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2007.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 690384, previously issued to REXANNE ADAMS.

Effective this 5<sup>TH</sup> day of July, 2007.



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

## VOLUNTARY SURRENDER

Comes Now Rexanne Adams, RN 142441, and advises the Missouri State Board of Nursing that she wishes to voluntarily surrender her license. The Board's staff has explained to Ms Adams her options and the repercussions of surrendering her license. The Board's staff has, in fact, advised Ms Adams against surrendering her license. Despite that advice, Ms Adams has chosen to relinquish her nursing license.

The Board is unaware of any complaints made or pending against Ms Adams' license. Therefore, the parties agree that this surrender is not done in lieu of disciplinary proceedings against Ms Adams' license.

The surrender will be effected immediately upon the Executive Director's signature of this document.

Rexanne Adams  
Rexanne Adams  
RN 142441

Date 11-17-06

Lori Scheidt  
Lori Scheidt  
Executive Director

Date: 11-28-2006