

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS  
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse License Number 724857  
issued to SARABETH SHARON NELSON

§ AGREED  
§ ORDER



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 P. Thomas*  
Executive Director of the Board

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 724857 issued to SARABETH SHARON NELSON, 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 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 representation by counsel, 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.
4. Respondent received a Diploma in Nursing from Baptist Health System, San Antonio, Texas, on December 14, 2005. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 14, 2006.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

2/06-6/06	Staff Nurse	St. Luke's Baptist Hospital San Antonio, Texas
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7/06-Present	Not employed in nursing
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6. At the time of the initial incident, Respondent was employed as a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit with St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, and had been in this position for approximately four (4) months.
7. On or about June 19, 2006, while employed at St. Luke's Baptist Hospital, San Antonio, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice professional nursing in that she exhibited impaired behavior while on duty, including, but not limited to: appearing pale, vomiting, lack of eye contact, acting strangely, and suffering a panic attack. Respondent's conduct could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.
8. Respondent states that she sees a psychiatrist due to a history of panic attacks and generalized anxiety disorder. Respondent states that she is not currently employed in nursing and does not plan to return to the profession.
9. Respondent, by her signature to this Order, expresses her desire to voluntarily surrender her license to practice professional 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)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered License Number 724857, heretofore issued to SARABETH SHARON NELSON, 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 License Number 724857, heretofore issued to SARABETH SHARON NELSON, to practice professional 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 SARABETH SHARON NELSON, 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 professional 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 12 day of December, 2007.

Sarah Nelson

SARABETH SHARON NELSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12 day of Dec, 2007.

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Beatrice Bodeau

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas.

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 724857, previously issued to SARABETH SHARON NELSON.

Effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2007.



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