



6. During May 3, 2007 through May 17, 2007, while employed as an Independently Contracted CRNA and on duty with CHRISTUS St. John Hospital, Nassau Bay, Texas, Respondent practiced professional nursing without a license. Respondent was notified by the facility's Medical Staff office on May 1, 2007 that her license was expired at which time she was instructed not to work until verification of license renewal was submitted. Respondent participated in the care of fifteen (15) patients from May 3, 2007 through May 17, 2007. Respondent's license to practice professional nursing was renewed on May 21, 2007. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the employer and could have affected the decision to continue employment.
7. On or about March 8, 1999, Respondent was arrested for the offense of "Driving While Intoxicated" a class B Misdemeanor in Cameron County, Texas. On or about October 4, 1999, Respondent plead guilty and was convicted of "Reckless Driving" a class B Misdemeanor, in the County Court at Law No. 2, Cameron County, Texas, cause number 99CCR2192-B. Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Cameron County Jail for thirty (30) days which was suspended and she was placed on community supervision for one (1) year, assessed a fine and court costs.
8. On or about April 2001, Respondent submitted a license renewal to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas on which Respondent answered "No" to the question regarding convictions. On or about October 4, 1999, Respondent plead guilty and was convicted of the offense of "Reckless Driving" a class B Misdemeanor, in the County Court at Law No. 2, Cameron County, Texas, cause number 99CCR2192B. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive the Board and could have affected the decision to issue a license.
9. Respondent states that she had difficulty when she tried to renew her license which was due to expire on April 31, 2007. She had received a postcard in the mail stating that she could renew online, however when she tried to do this, she was instructed to download the renewal form and mail in the application with a check. On or about April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, she received a letter from the board of nursing returning her check and stating that she needed fingerprinting. Respondent states that she was not aware that she was not supposed to work until she had received the new license. She admits that she showed up to work on the days she was scheduled, which were May 3, 10, 15, 17, 2007. Respondent denies that she received the letter dated May 1, 2007 from the credentialing committee, which notified her that her privileges were suspended.

#### 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 Sections 301.452(b)(10)&(13) and 301.251, Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§221.8(b), 217.11(1)(A), and 217.12(6)(H)(I)&(11)(B).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 565419, heretofore issued to TERI JANELLE HEFNER, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanctions of REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Professional Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.01 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-sized license issued to TERI JANELLE HEFNER to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing within ten (10) days of the date of ratification of this Order for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the sponsoring institution to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Office of the Board to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: [http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinary action](http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinary_action).*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing in the form of cashier's check or U.S. money order. Partial payments will not be accepted.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, a copy will be mailed to me. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, I will be subject to investigation and disciplinary sanction, including revocation of my license to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

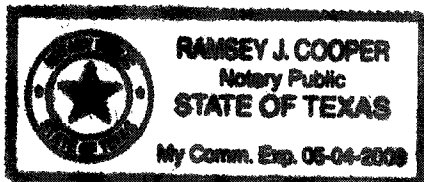
Signed this 16 day of May, 2008.

Teri Janelle Hefner  
TERI JANELLE HEFNER, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16 day of May, 2008.


SEAL

Ramsey J. Cooper  
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas



WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, by TERI JANELLE HEFNER, Registered Nurse License Number 565419, and said Order is final.

Effective this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2008.

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