

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 183148
ISSUED TO
LOUISE JANELLE MENA

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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 R. Roman
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Louise Janelle Mena
6302 Elgin No. 273
Lubbock, Texas 79413

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 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 183148, previously issued to LOUISE JANELLE MENA, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Number 183148, previously issued to LOUISE JANELLE MENA, 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 vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 9th day of September, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:


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

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 183148
Issued to LOUISE JANELLE MENA
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 23rd day of September, 2008, 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):

Louise Janelle Mena
6302 Elgin No. 273
Lubbock, Texas 79413

BY:



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

In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS
Number 183148, Issued to §
LOUISE JANELLE MENA, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, LOUISE JANELLE MENA, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 183148, 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 October 30, 2006, Respondent entered a plea of guilty and was convicted of POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, (a State Jail Felony offense committed on March 17, 2006), in the 84th District Court of Ochiltree County, Texas, under Cause No. 4135. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to two (2) years confinement in the State Jail Facility, with the imposition of the sentence suspended, and Respondent was placed on Community Supervision for a period of four (4) years. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay restitution in the amount of one hundred forty (\$140) dollars, as well as a fine 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).

CHARGE II.

On or about June 7, 2006, Respondent entered a plea of guilty to POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, (a Class B Misdemeanor offense committed on March 18, 2006), in the County Court of Ochiltree County, Texas, under Cause No. 17,846. As a result of the guilty plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred, without entering an adjudication of guilt, and Respondent was placed on Community Supervision for a period of one (1) year. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine 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).

CHARGE III.

On or about November 8, 2006, Respondent was issued an Order Revoking Community Supervision by the County Court of Ochiltree County, Texas, under Cause No. 17,846, based on Findings that Respondent violated certain terms and conditions of her Community Supervision. As a result, Respondent was sentenced to ninety (90) days confinement in the Ochiltree County Jail.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(4)&(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 and TEX. OCC. CODE Ch. 53. 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).

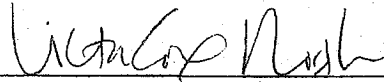
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

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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 29th day of July, 2008.

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