TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
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Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 584368	§	
issued to DEBRA KAY SANTEE	§	ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DEBRA KAY SANTEE, Registered Nurse License Number 584368, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may be subject to discipline pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4525(a)(2)&(9)(eff.9/1/1991), and 301.453, Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on June 1, 2012, subject to ratification by the Board.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these Findings of Fact was served on Respondent and Respondent was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).

2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Tarrant County Junior College, Fort Worth, Texas, on May 1, 1992. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 31, 1992.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about May 1, 1992, Respondent submitted a Registration by Examination to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about May 16, 1983, Respondent pled Guilty to and was convicted of POSSESSION OF MARIHUANA, TO-WIT: MORE THAN FOUR (4) OUNCES BUT LESS THAN FIVE (5) POUNDS, a Third Degree felony offense committed on February 4, 1983, in the 137th District Court of Lubbock County, Texas, under Cause No. 83-400,388.

7. In response to Findings of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states there was a time in the early '80s where she was supposed to be meeting her ex-husband. He was not where they had agreed to meet, so she returned to the car to wait for him. A Lubbock police officer knocked on the window. He asked if he could look in the back seat. He found a sock with marijuana in it. She was taken to the police station, questioned and released. She later went before a Judge and was ordered to go for drug testing and counseling for a period of time. She understood that as long as she tested negative for drugs, this would not go on her record. Therefore, she answered that question honestly. She fulfilled the obligations of this offense and put this behind her. When she submitted the Registration by Examination, she honestly answered no to the question. She has always answered no to that question on job applications, when she applied for a nursing license in Missouri and Kansas, and when serving on a Jury. She always thought she was answering truthfully.

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 cause pursuant to TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ART. 4525(a)(2)&(9)(eff.9/1/1991), to take disciplinary action against, Registered Nurse License Number 584368, heretofore issued to DEBRA KAY SANTEE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice 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 sanction of WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

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

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

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars ($500.00). 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.

(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) 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/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.*

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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(s) 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 is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 day of December, 20 12

Debra K Santee

DEBRA KAY SANTEE, RESPONDENT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24 day of December, 20 12

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KELLY STRONG
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
November 28, 2016

Kelly Strong

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 20th day of December, 2012, by DEBRA KAY SANTEE, Registered Nurse License Number 584368, and said Order is final.

Effective this 12 day of February, 2013.

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