

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of License Number 573430 § AGREED
issued to DEBRA ANN ROBINSON § ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of DEBRA ANN ROBINSON, License Number 573430, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4525(b)(9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on May 12, 1999, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director, 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.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.
4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Tyler Junior College, Tyler, Texas in May 1991. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 26, 1991.

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5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

8/91 - 1/96	Unknown	
1/96 - 6/98	Director of Nursing	Canton Healthcare Center Canton, Texas
6/98 - present	Unknown	

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Director of Nursing with Canton Healthcare Center, Canton, Texas, and had been in this position for two (2) years and three (3) months.
7. On or about April 1, 1998 through May 15, 1998, while employed as Director of Nursing with Canton Healthcare Center, Canton, Texas, Respondent misappropriated forty-five (45) discontinued Effexor 25mg tablets belonging to Resident BL from the discontinued medication cabinet to give to her daughter. Respondent's conduct defrauded the Canton Healthcare Center and Resident BL of the cost of the medications.
8. Respondent states that she took the medication because she was very concerned about her daughter, who was going through a very emotional period following the breakup with her boyfriend. She further states that she knew it was wrong to take the medications but was unable to financially help her daughter and took the Effexor because she felt the medication could help her.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Pursuant to Article 4525, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 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 Article 4525(b)(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(15).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against License Number 573430, heretofore issued to DEBRA ANN ROBINSON, including revocation of Respondent's professional license to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Board of Nurse Examiners, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a Reprimand with Stipulations, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Art. 4513 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 that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL deliver the wallet-size license issued to , to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners within ten (10) days of the date of this Order. for appropriate notation.

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing jurisprudence. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience must include registered nurses. It must be a minimum of six (6) contact hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, and documentation of care. 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 is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure.

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to made directly to the Board of Nurse Examiners 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

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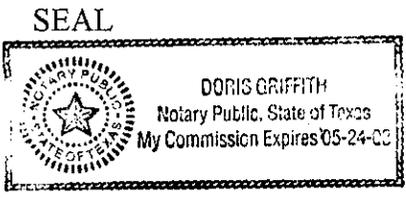
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 20 day of July, 1999.

Debra Ann Robinson
DEBRA ANN ROBINSON, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th day of July, 1999.



Doris Griffith
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 20th day of July, 1999, by DEBRA ANN ROBINSON, License Number 573430, and said Order is final.

Effective this 10th day of August, 1999.



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