

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

In the Matter of Permanent Certificate	§	
Number 548198 issued to	§	AGREED ORDER
SHERRY NANCY PARROTT	§	

An investigation by the Board produced evidence indicating that SHERRY NANCY PARROTT, hereinafter referred to as Respondent, may have violated Article 4525(b)(3),(8)&(9), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

An informal conference was held on June 25, 1996, at the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners, in accordance with Article 4524C, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended.

Respondent appeared in person. Respondent was notified of her right to be represented by legal counsel and elected to waive representation by counsel. In attendance were Nancy Boston, Board Member; Penny Puryear Burt, RN, J.D., General Counsel; Sharon L. Sanders, Assistant Attorney General; Anthony L. Diggs, Supervising Investigator; and Cynthia A. Smith, Investigator.

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, notice and hearing, and consented to the entry of this order.
3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in Texas.
4. Respondent received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas in May 1988.

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

June 12, 1988 - May 1994 Staff Nurse
 Intensive Care Unit
 Seton Medical Center
 Austin, Texas

6. At the time of the incident, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) with Seton Medical Center, Austin, Texas and had been in this position for six (6) years.
7. On or about December 14, 1993, while employed at Seton Medical Center, Austin, Texas, Respondent accepted an assignment in ICU when her physical or mental condition may have prevented the delivery of safe nursing care in that she had slurred speech, droopy eyelids, unsteady gait and slow movements. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patients in that her condition may have prevented her from recognizing the subtle signs, symptoms or rapid changes that may develop in ICU patients.
8. On or about April 19, 1994, while employed at the aforementioned facility, Respondent admitted that she engaged in the intemperate use of propoxyphene which she misappropriated from the facility. Respondent produced a specimen for a drug screen which tested positive for propoxyphene. The use of propoxyphene by a Registered Nurse, while subject to duty or call could impair a nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients' condition and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate and appropriate assessments, judgments and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
9. On or about April 29, 1994, while employed at the aforementioned facility, Respondent produced a specimen for a drug screen which tested positive for propoxyphene. The use of propoxyphene by a Registered Nurse, while subject to duty or call could impair a nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients' condition and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate and appropriate assessments, judgments and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.
10. On or about May 19, 1994, while employed at the aforementioned facility, Respondent produced a specimen for a drug screen which tested positive for propoxyphene. The use of propoxyphene by a Registered Nurse, while subject to duty or call could impair a nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patients' condition and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate and appropriate assessments, judgments and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

11. On or about April 17, 1995, Respondent pled guilty to Theft, Class "A" Misdemeanor in the 331st Judicial District Court of Travis County. Respondent was given a probated sentence for this offense.
12. On or about October 11, 1995, Respondent's probation was revoked due to two DWI convictions: October 14, 1994 and February 2, 1995. Respondent was placed in Travis County Jail for 75 days and her driver's license was suspended for 1 year.

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 violations of Article 4525(b)(3),(8)&(9), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.13(11).
4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Article 4525(b), TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. ANN., to take disciplinary action against license number 548198, heretofore issued to SHERRY NANCY PARROTT.
5. Under Article 4525.1(c), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
6. Under Article 4525.1(d), Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, as amended, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.

AGREED SANCTIONS

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED, that the voluntary surrender of license number 548198, heretofore issued to SHERRY NANCY PARROTT 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-size license, heretofore issued to SHERRY NANCY PARROTT, 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 until five (5) years has elapsed from the date of this Order.
4. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

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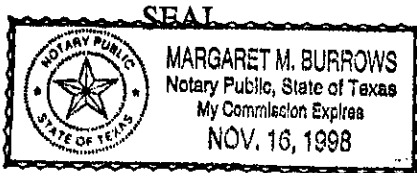
RESPONDENT'S CERTIFICATION

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 violations alleged. By my signature on this order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Agreed Sanctions, and any conditions of this order to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I consent to the issuance of the Agreed Sanctions. I waive judicial review of this order. I understand that when the signed and notarized order is received in the office of the Board, the terms of this order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me.

Signed this 16th day of September, 1996.

Sherry Nancy Parrott
SHERRY NANCY PARROTT

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 16th day of September, 1996.



Margaret M. Burrows
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Board of Nurse Examiners
for the State of Texas does hereby accept the voluntary surrender of nursing license #548198,
previously issued to SHERRY NANCY PARROTT.

Effective this 30th day of September, 1996.



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