

IN THE MATTER OF	§	BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY
REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE	§	AND DISCIPLINARY
NUMBER 229666 AND VOCATIONAL	§	COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD
NURSE LICENSE NUMBER 47083	§	OF NURSE EXAMINERS OF THE
ISSUED TO PAMELA O JEAN THORNTON	§	STATE OF TEXAS

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: Pamela O Jean Thornton
302 Hill Top
Keene, Texas 76059

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Monday, December 11, 2006, 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 file a written response to the Formal Charges as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

The Committee of the Board of Nurse Examiners 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 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 of the violations alleged in the Formal Charges were given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to file an answer in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056 and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 213.16.

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 to set aside the default order (22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(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 Registered Nurse License Number 229666 and Vocational Nurse License Number 47083, previously issued to Pamela O Jean Thornton, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Registered Nurse License Number 229666 and Vocational Nurse License Number 47083, previously issued to Melanie Louise Johnson, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multi-state privilege, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 11th day of December, 2006.

BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

BY:




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

Re: Registered Nurse License Number 229666 and Vocational Nurse License Number 47083
Issued to Pamela O Jean Thornton
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 14th day of December, 2006, 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):

Pamela O Jean Thornton
302 Hill Top
Keene, Texas 76059

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

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE BOARD**
Numbers 229666 and 47083, Issued to § **OF NURSE EXAMINERS**
PAMELA O. JEAN THORNTON, Respondent § **FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, PAMELA O. JEAN THORNTON, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 229666, which is in delinquent status at the time of this pleading. Respondent is also a Vocational Nurse holding license number 47083, 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 June 30, 2004, while employed at Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, Respondent forged an authorization for release of patient information and faxed said form to Cook Children's Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas, using the fax cover sheet of Harris Methodist Fort Worth Hospital. Respondent fraudulently requested x-ray, history and physical, and lab reports of her partner's son, T.E. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive Cook Children's Hospital.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(22), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §239.11(8).

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. 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.bne.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 Lying and Falsification Fraud, Theft & Deception which can be found at the Board's website, www.bne.state.tx.us.

Filed this 23 day of August, 2006.

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FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS

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