

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Vocational Nurse §
License Number 142744 §
issued to STEPHEN LUTHER SANDERS §

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 142744, issued to STEPHEN LUTHER SANDERS, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent is currently licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing.
3. Respondent received a Certificate in Practical Nursing from Douglas MacArthur State Technical College, Opp, Alabama, on August 31, 1984. Respondent was licensed to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas on August 9, 1993.
4. Respondent's nursing employment history includes:

09/93 - 09/00	LVN Charge Nurse	Retirement & Nursing Center Austin, Texas
10/00 - 09/01	Unknown	

10/01 - 10/03	LVN Agency Nurse	Care Staff Austin, Texas
11/03 - 06/05	Unknown	
07/05 - 11/05	LVN Charge Nurse	Walnut Hills Convalescence Austin, Texas
12/05 - 12/07	LVN	Bastrop Nursing Center Bastrop, Texas

5. On December 28, 2007, the Texas Board of Nursing notified Respondent of the following allegation: On or about June 4, 2007, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Bastrop Nursing Center, Bastrop, Texas, Respondent referred himself to the Texas Peer Assistance Program for Nurses (TPAPN), because he thought he might be drug dependent, due to taking too many prescriptions of Hydrocodone because of tooth problems.
- On or about August 14, 2007 through November 28, 2007, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Bastrop Nursing Center, Bastrop, Texas, Respondent may have lacked fitness to practice vocational nursing, in that Respondent voiced some paranoid/delusional thought processes that involved:
 - a. an ultra-sound listening device, or parabolic device being planted in the trees above his house, and it kept him awake at night;
 - b. his computer being "bugged" and
 - c. people, or law enforcement following him when he went for chemical dependency treatment.
 - On or about November 28, 2007, while employed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse with Bastrop Nursing Center, Bastrop, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Alcohol, in that Respondent submitted a specimen for a drug screen which was positive for Alcohol.
6. On February 5, 2008, Respondent returned License Number 142744 and submitted a signed letter to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice vocational nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's statement is attached and incorporated by reference as part of this Order.

7. The Board policy implementing Rule 213.29 in effect on the date of this Agreed Order provides discretion by the Executive Director for consideration of conditional reinstatement after proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of abstinence from alcohol and drugs followed by licensure limitations/stipulations and/or peer assistance program participation.
8. The Board finds that there exists serious risks to public health and safety as a result of impaired nursing care due to intemperate use of controlled substances or chemical dependency.

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 to prove violation of Section 301.452(b)(9),(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(5)&(10)(A).
4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.
5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.
6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC §§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Vocational Nurse License Number 142744, heretofore issued to STEPHEN LUTHER SANDERS, to practice nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

1. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice vocational nursing, use the title of "vocational nurse" or the abbreviation "LVN" or wear any insignia identifying himself as a vocational nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a vocational nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.
2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order; and, RESPONDENT has obtained objective, verifiable proof of twelve (12) consecutive months of sobriety immediately preceding the petition.
3. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice vocational nursing in compact states.

Effective this 13th day of February, 2008.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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



Response in order:

1. I used pain meds by prescription.
2. Paronid & delusional is an insult, it was an acoustical heterodyne device along w high power ultrasound. The inside of my head was screaming & burning from the use of this on my home & myself. My tympanic membranes were almost ruined. I was there, you were not. Look up the above device on computer & imagine how it can be used.
3. My credit card was used by a computer hacker, Mac thear 15 was what trail he left on my hard drive.
- 3A Alcohol is detected by breath & blood, I didnt think it came out in urine?

I requested help & the results was the destruction of my life, home, property & almost my sanity. I dont want to be a nurse & w fear of state rules any longer as the majority of nurses I know are. I am employed not as a nurse. My license is enclosed, you may have them.

I endeavor to work hard towards the acquisition of an acoustical heterodyne device to demonstrate to anyone interested how it can work \pm infra \downarrow ultrasound \downarrow give a person a new experience. Then the psych MD^s can try to divide paranoia from reality!

Joseph Andrews

P.S. There is no animosity intended but I have done much homework & research on what was used on me either by the police, the NSA or other agency. I do not know why but everything was documented. I am going to discover why & who.