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Executive Director of the Board

DOCKET NUMBER 507-10-4648

**IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBERS 601417 AND 69888
ISSUED TO SANDRA FAYE LEE**

**§ BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
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§ OF
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§ ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

OPINION AND ORDER OF THE BOARD

**TO: SANDRA FAYE LEE
2917 GAYLE STREET
EDINBURG, TX 78541**

**HUNTER BURKHALTER
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
300 WEST 15TH STREET
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78701**

At the regularly scheduled public meeting on January 27-28, 2011, the Texas Board of Nursing (Board) considered the following items: (1) The Proposal for Decision (PFD) regarding the above cited matter; (2) Staff's recommendation that the Board adopt the PFD regarding the registered and vocational nursing licenses of Sandra Faye Lee without changes; and (3) Respondent's recommendation to the Board regarding the PFD and order, if any.

The Board finds that after proper and timely notice was given, the above styled case was heard by an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) who made and filed a PFD containing the ALJ's findings of facts and conclusions of law. The PFD was properly served on all parties and all parties were given an opportunity to file exceptions and replies as part of the record herein. No exceptions were filed by any party.

The Board, after review and due consideration of the PFD, Staff's recommendations, and Respondent's presentation during the open meeting, if any, adopts all of the findings of fact and conclusions of law of the ALJ contained in the PFD as if fully set out and separately stated herein. All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law

filed by any party not specifically adopted herein are hereby denied.

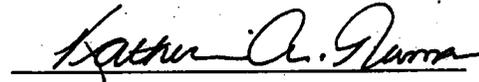
IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED THAT Permanent Certificate Numbers 601417 and 69888 previously issued to SANDRA FAYE LEE to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Permanent Certificate Numbers 601417 and 69888 previously issued to SANDRA FAYE LEE, upon receipt of this Order, be immediately delivered to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

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

Entered this 28th day of January, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN
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Attachment: Proposal for Decision; Docket No. 507-10-4648 (September 20, 2010).

SOAH DOCKET NO. 507-10-4648

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PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

The staff of the Texas Board of Nursing (Staff/Board) filed a complaint seeking disciplinary action against Sandra Faye Lee (Respondent). Staff alleges that, among other things, Respondent pled guilty to the offense of injury to a child and was placed on deferred adjudication. Staff filed a Motion for Summary Disposition, requesting a decision in its favor as a matter of law. After considering Staff's motion and the applicable law, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) concludes that the Motion for Summary Disposition should be granted. Therefore, this Proposal for Decision recommends that the Board revoke Respondent's licenses based on her criminal history.

I. JURISDICTION, NOTICE, AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Jurisdiction and proper notice to Respondent were established. These matters are set out in the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law without further discussion.

Staff filed First Amended Formal Charges against Respondent on March 23, 2010, and this matter was referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings (SOAH). On August 27, 2010, Staff filed a Motion for Summary Disposition with supporting summary disposition evidence. No response to the motion was provided by Respondent, and the record closed on September 13, 2010.

II. SUMMARY DISPOSITION EVIDENCE

Staff presented uncontested summary disposition evidence (Staff Exhibits 1-6) which established the following:

- Respondent holds two licenses issued by the Board: Registered Nurse (RN) license 601417, and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) license 69888.
- On November 9, 2009, Respondent pled guilty and District Judge Ricardo P. Rodriguez, Jr., of the 92nd Judicial District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, entered an Order of Deferred Adjudication & Community Supervision against Respondent for the offense of Injury to a Child with Intent to do Bodily Injury, TEX. PENAL CODE § 22.04(f), a third degree felony (the Order). In the Order, the Judge found that there was sufficient evidence to support Respondent's guilty plea and conclude that the offense was committed by Respondent. However, the Judge deferred making an adjudication of guilty and, instead, placed Respondent on deferred adjudication with three years of community supervision, and imposed a \$500 fine. The Order was entered in Cause No. CR-2576-09-A.

III. DISCUSSION

An ALJ may issue a proposal for decision on all or part of a contested case without an evidentiary hearing if the evidence shows there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and a party is entitled to a decision in its favor as a matter of law. 1 TAC § 155.505(a).

Because Respondent pled guilty to intentionally injuring a child in violation of TEX. PENAL CODE § 22.04, revocation of her licenses is mandatory. Pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, the Board *must* revoke the license of a licensee who pleads guilty to a violation of section 22.04. TEX. OCC. CODE § 301.4535(a)(7) and (b). Therefore, the ALJ grants Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition and recommends that the Board revoke Respondent's licenses.¹

IV. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Sandra Faye Lee (Respondent) holds two licenses issued by the Texas Board of Nursing (Board): Registered Nurse (RN) license 601417, and Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) license 69888.
2. On November 9, 2009, Respondent pled guilty and District Judge Ricardo P. Rodriguez, Jr., of the 92nd Judicial District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, entered an Order of Deferred Adjudication & Community Supervision against Respondent for the offense of Injury to a

¹ In addition to TEX. OCC. CODE § 301.4535, Staff asserts the legal authority to revoke Respondent's licenses pursuant to TEX. OCC. CODE § 301.452 and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 217.12(13). However, because revocation is mandatory pursuant to Section 301.4535, it is not necessary to reach the other legal authorities cited by Staff.

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3. On or about March 23, 2010, the staff of the Board (Staff) notified Respondent that it had filed First Amended Formal Charges against her, and admonished her to file a written response with the Board within three weeks to prevent a default decision from being entered against her.
4. On or about August 24, 2010, Staff provided to Respondent a First Amended Notice of Hearing which contained a statement of the legal authority and jurisdiction under which the hearing was to be held; a reference to the applicable rules and statutes; and a short plain statement of the matters asserted.
5. On August 27, 2010, Staff filed a Motion for Summary Disposition.
6. Respondent did not respond to Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition, and the deadline for such response has now passed.
7. Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition should be granted.

V. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The Board has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to TEX. OCC. CODE ANN. §§ 301.458 and 301.459.
2. SOAH has jurisdiction over matters related to the hearing in this proceeding, including the authority to issue a proposal for decision with proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law, pursuant to TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. ch. 2003.
3. The pleadings and summary disposition evidence provided with Staff's Motion for Summary Disposition show there is no genuine issue as to any material fact and that Staff is entitled to a decision in its favor as a matter of law. 1 TEX. ADMIN. CODE § 155.505.
4. Pursuant to TEX. OCC. CODE § 301.4535(a)(7) and (b), the Board is required to revoke Respondent's licenses based on her guilty plea for intentionally injuring a child in violation of TEX. PENAL CODE § 22.04.

5. Based on the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Board should revoke Respondent's licenses.

SIGNED SEPTEMBER 20, 2010.



HUNTER BURKHALTER
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

In the Matter of Permanent License
Numbers 601417 & 69888, Issued to
SANDRA FAYE LEE, Respondent

§ BEFORE THE TEXAS
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§ BOARD OF NURSING

SECOND AMENDED FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SANDRA FAYE LEE, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 601417, which is in current status at the time of this pleading and a Vocational Nurse holding license number 69888, 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 February 12, 2002, Respondent was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol, Region 3, District A, Corpus Christi, Texas, for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED/OPEN ALCOHOL CONTAINER (a Class B Misdemeanor). On April 15, 2002, Respondent plead guilty to the lesser offense of RECKLESS DRIVING (a Class B Misdemeanor) in Kleburg County Court, Kingsville, Texas, and was sentenced to thirty days suspension and twelve months of community supervision.

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(1)(A),(4)&(13).

CHARGE II.

On or about January 8, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Stepping Stones Home Care Services, LTD., Edinburg, Texas, Respondent caused physical abuse or neglect to Patient A.B., a ventilator dependent, special needs child in that after Respondent's shift the patient's mother found that the patient had numerous bruises on his right cheek and left forearm. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing physical, emotional and/or psychological harm.

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CHARGE III.

On or about January 8, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Stepping Stones Home Care Services, LTD., Edinburg, Texas, Respondent made false entries in the medical records of Patient A.B., in that she documented that she gave a verbal report to the on-coming nurse at 7:00

a.m. when in fact she left without notifying anyone and without giving report. Respondent's conduct resulted in an inaccurate, incomplete medical record, and was likely to injure the patient in that subsequent care givers would rely on her documentation and verbal report in order to provide further patient care.

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CHARGE IV.

On or about January 8, 2009, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Stepping Stones Home Care Services, LTD., Edinburg, Texas, Respondent left her nursing assignment at 6:30am without providing notification to the appropriate personnel and without giving report on the status of Patient A.B. Respondent's conduct was likely to injure patients in that leaving the nursing assignment could have resulted in the patients not getting the care that they needed.

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CHARGE V.

On or about November 19, 2009, Respondent plead guilty to the offense of INJURY TO A CHILD WITH INTENT BODILY INJURY (a Third Degree Felony) in the 92nd District Court of Hidalgo County, Texas, Cause Number CR-2576-09-A. Respondent was issued an Order of Deferred Adjudication and she placed on community supervision for a period of three (3) years.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3),(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and Section 301.4535(A)(7)&(B), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(1)(A)&(B), 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(B),(4),(6)(C)&(13), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.28 (b)(1).

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. and TEX. OCC. CODE Ch. 53. 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.bon.state.tx.us.

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 Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder Lying and Falsification Fraud, Theft & Deception which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.state.tx.us.

Filed this 24th day of August, 2010.

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Numbers 601417 & 69888, Issued to §
SANDRA FAYE LEE, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

FIRST AMENDED FORMAL CHARGES

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CHARGE I.

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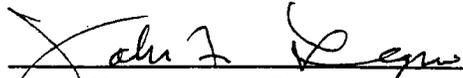
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