BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse	§	AGREED
License Number 618660	§	
issued to GEORGE VINSON JR.	§	ORDER

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING
I do hereby certify this to be a complete, accurate, and true copy of the document which is on file or is of record in the offices of the Texas Board of Nursing.
Executive Director of the Board

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo considered the matter of GEORGE VINSON JR., Registered Nurse License Number 6186 hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Article 4525(a)(2) & (6), Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat.(eff. 9/1/75), and Article 4525(b)(2), Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat.(eff. 9/1/93). Respondent informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on April 5, 2011, 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(s).

2. Respondent waived informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order.

3. Respondent is currently licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 27, 1995.

5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

11/95 - 06/96	RN	Anahuac Healthcare Center Anahuac, Texas

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

05/96 - 07/98	RN	HealthSouth Rehab Hospital Beaumont, Texas
08/98 - 07/99	RN	MedForce Beaumont, Texas
05/99 - 07/99	RN	Nurse Finders Beaumont, Texas
07/99 - 03/03	RN	Professional Nursing Services, Inc. San Antonio, Texas
04/03 - Present	Unknown	

6. On January 15, 2004, Respondent was issued the sanction of Remedial Education by the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas. A copy of the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Agreed Order dated January 15, 2004, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.

7. On or about July 11, 1979, Respondent was convicted of "Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor," in the Circuit Court of Virginia Beach, Virginia, under Docket Number 6254. Respondent was sentenced to confinement for a period of twelve (12) months in jail. The confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twelve (12) months.

8. On or about May 1995, Respondent submitted an application for initial licensure to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which he provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he answered "no" to the following question:

   "Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations?"

   On or about July 11, 1979, Respondent was convicted of "Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor," in the Circuit Court of Virginia Beach, Virginia, under Docket Number 6254.

9. Regarding the conduct outlined in Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that his now ex-wife came up with the idea of accusing him of abusing their seven year-old daughter as a ploy to force him to agree to a divorce. His attorney suggested a plea bargain in order to avoid his daughter from being forced to take the stand and testify against him. He states that his daughter was already traumatized by their volatile family life including her mother coaching her what to say to investigators, and she began to have behavior and academic problems after the allegations were made. Regarding the conduct outlined in

Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states that his attorney assured him that if he didn't hear from him when his probation period was over, and he had no more charges that his record would be expunged, and it would be as if nothing had ever happened. He states that his attorney told him if he was ever asked if he had been convicted he could answer no.

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 violations of Article 4525(a)(2) & (6), Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat.(eff. 9/1/75), and Article 4525(b)(2), Tex. Rev. Civ. Stat.(eff. 9/1/93), and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §239.11(8)(eff. 9/1/93).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against Registered Nurse License Number 618660, heretofore issued to GEORGE VINSON JR., including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of a WARNING WITH STIPULATIONS AND FINE, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 *et seq.*, the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §211.1 *et seq.* and this Order.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that, while under the terms of this Order, this Order SHALL apply to any and all future licenses issued to Respondent to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable

to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license(s) is/are encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a nurse licensure compact privilege without the written permission of the Texas Board of Nursing and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

(1) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment only if the course is not being offered by a pre-approved provider. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include nurses. It shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. 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 shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found at the following Board website address: http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/stipscourses.html.*

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete the course "Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills," a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension. In order to receive credit for completion of this program, RESPONDENT SHALL SUBMIT the continuing education certificate of completion for this program to the Board's office, to the attention of Monitoring. This course is to be taken in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may have for relicensure. *Information regarding this workshop may be found at the following web address: http://learningext.com/hives/a0f6f3e8a0/summary.*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL pay a monetary fine in the amount of five hundred dollars ($500.00). RESPONDENT SHALL pay this fine within forty-five (45) days of entry of this Order. Payment is to be made directly to the Texas Board of Nursing 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, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and RESPONDENT shall be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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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 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 3rd day of May, 2011.

George M. Vinson, Jr.

GEORGE VINSON JR., Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 3 day of May, 2011.

SEAL

Diane Hartfield

Notary Public in and for the State of 7-27-13

DIANE HARTFIELD
Notary Public
STATE OF TEXAS
My Commission
Expires 07/27/2013

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the _3rd_day of May, 20_11, by GEORGE VINSON JR., Registered Nurse License Number 618660, and said Order is final.

Effective this _14th_ day of June, 20_11.

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

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSE EXAMINERS
FOR THE STATE OF TEXAS
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In the Matter of License Number 618660	§	AGREED
issued to GEORGE VINSON, JR.	§	ORDER

On this day the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the matter of GEORGE VINSON, JR., License Number 618660, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal conference, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on November 16, 2003, by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, Executive Director.

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 the State of Texas.

4. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Lamar University, Beaumont, Texas, on May 1, 1995. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 27, 1995.

5. Respondent's professional employment history includes:

11/95 - 06/96	Staff RN Night Supervisor	Anahuac Healthcare Center Anahuac, Texas
05/96 - 07/98	Staff RN Team Leader	HealthSouth Rehab Hospital Beaumont, Texas
08/98 - 07/99	Staff RN Temp Agency	MedForce Beaumont, Texas
05/99 - 07/99	Staff RN Temp Agency	Nurse Finders Beaumont, Texas
07/99 - 03/03	Staff RN Temp Agency	Professional Nursing Services, Inc. San Antonio, Texas
03/03 - Present	Unknown	Unknown

6. At the time of the incidents, Respondent was employed as a Staff Nurse with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and was working in the Medical/Surgical Unit at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, and had been in this position for three (3) years and eight (8) months.

7. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent received and transcribed an order to discontinue the epidural catheter and Fentanyl Drip for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339. After Respondent's nursing assessment of the patient and Respondent's nursing evaluation that Patient Medical Record Number 00092339 continued to be in pain, Respondent did not remove the epidural catheter and/or discontinue the Fentanyl Drip. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing infection, sedation, seizures, cardiac arrhythmias, respiratory depression, dyspnea, and/or apnea.

8. On or about March 17, 2003,while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent failed to document that Patient Medical Record Number 00092339 exhibited signs of inadequate pain management, although the physician's order had been written to discontinue the epidural catheter and Fentanyl Drip. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive other caregivers who needed complete information on which to base their care.

9. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent failed to notify the physician that Respondent did not remove the epidural catheter and/or discontinue the Fentanyl Drip for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339. Respondent's conduct was likely to deceive other caregivers who needed complete information on which to base their care.

10. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent failed to administer Fentanyl for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339, as ordered by the physician. Respondent changed medication cassettes, yet failed to change the administration rates of the infusion pump, which resulted in the patient receiving an overdose of Fentanyl. Respondent's conduct exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing sedation, seizures, cardiac arrhythmias, respiratory depression, dyspnea, and/or apnea.

11. On or about March 17, 2003, while employed with Professional Nursing Services, Inc., San Antonio, Texas, and working at Valley Baptist Hospital, Harlingen, Texas, Respondent accepted an assignment to provide nursing care for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339. Respondent lacked the educational preparation, experience, knowledge and/or ability to appropriately care for Patient Medical Record Number 00092339, as the patient had an epidural catheter and Fentanyl drip. Respondent's behavior exposed the patient unnecessarily to a risk of experiencing infection, sedation, seizures, cardiac arrhythmias, respiratory depression, dyspnea, and/or apnea.

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)(10)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.11(3),(4),(12)&(20) and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(4).

4. The evidence received is sufficient cause pursuant to Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code, to take disciplinary action against License Number 618660, heretofore issued to GEORGE VINSON, JR., 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 REMEDIAL EDUCATION, and RESPONDENT SHALL comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas as amended, Texas Occupations Code, Section §§301.001 *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 and ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and ORDERED that while Respondent's license is encumbered by this Order, Respondent may not work outside the State of Texas pursuant to a multistate licensure privilege without the written permission of the State of Texas and the Board of Nursing in the party state where Respondent wishes to work.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that:

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

(2) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a Texas 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 shall include Registered Nurses. It shall

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 shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found on the Board's website, www.bne.state.tx.us (under BNE events).*

(3) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in medication administration. 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 shall include Registered Nurses. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course shall contain a minimum twenty-four (24) hour clinical component which is to be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of medication administration only. In order for the course to be approved, the course's content shall include: a review of proper administration procedures for all standard routes; computation of drug dosages; the five (5) rights of medication administration; factors influencing the choice of route; and possible adverse effects resulting from improper administration. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation.

RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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 shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board approved courses may be found on the Board's website* www.bne.state.tx.us *(under BNE events).*

(4) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in physical assessment. 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 shall include Registered Nurses. The didactic portion of this course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. RESPONDENT SHALL perform physical assessments on live patients in a clinical setting for a minimum of twenty-four (24) hours which shall be provided by the same Registered Nurse who provides the didactic portion of this course. The clinical component SHALL focus on tasks of physical assessment only. To be approved, the course shall cover all systems of the body. Performing assessments on mock patients or mannequins WILL NOT be accepted. The course description shall indicate goals and objectives for the course, resources to be utilized, and the methods to be used to determine successful completion of the course. RESPONDENT SHALL successfully complete both the didactic and clinical portions of the course to satisfy this stipulation. RESPONDENT SHALL CAUSE the instructor 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 shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be*

found on the Board's website www.bne.state.tx.us *(under BNE events).*

(5) RESPONDENT SHALL, within one (1) year of entry of this Order, successfully complete a course in nursing documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL obtain Board approval of the course prior to enrollment. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved. The course shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length of classroom time. In order for the course to be approved, the target audience shall include Registered Nurses. The course shall include content on the following: nursing standards related to accurate and complete documentation; legal guidelines for recording; methods and processes of recording; methods of alternative record-keeping; and computerized documentation. RESPONDENT SHALL cause the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form, provided by the Board, to the Board's office to verify RESPONDENT's successful completion of the course. This course shall be taken in addition to any other courses stipulated in this Order, if any, and in addition to any continuing education requirements the Board has for relicensure. *Board-approved courses may be found on the Board's website* www.bne.state.tx.us *(under BNE events).*

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, RESPONDENT SHALL be issued an unencumbered license and multistate licensure privileges, if any, 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 violations 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 when this Order becomes final and the terms of this Order become effective, 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 8th day of January, 20 04.

George Vinson, Jr.

GEORGE VINSON, JR., Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of January, 20 04.

SEAL

JACOB SANCHEZ
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES
November 16, 2007

Jacob Sanchez

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 8th day of January, 20 04, by GEORGE VINSON, JR., License Number 618660, and said Order is final.

Effective this 15th day of January, 20 04.

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