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Katherine A. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

In the Matter of Registered Nurse § AGREED
License Number 647926 §
issued to KRISTIN LEE ECKE § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Bo
considered the matter of KRISTIN LEE ECKE, Registered Nurse License Number 647926,
hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have
violated Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation
by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered
on December 1, 2010, 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(s).
2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, 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 a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Houston Baptist University, Houston, Texas, on November 1, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on February 3, 1998.
5. Respondent's nursing employment history is unknown.
6. On or about January 14, 2005, Respondent was arrested by the Texas Highway Patrol, Brazoria County, Texas, for DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED and for POSS MARIJ < 2 OZ (Class B misdemeanor offenses).

Respondent was subsequently charged under Cause No. 140460B for POSS MARIJ <2 OZ. On or about May 26, 2005, Cause No. 140460B was dismissed in the County Court of Brazoria County, Texas, for the reason: "Plea in 140461B."

On or about May 26, 2005, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to the amended charge of RECKLESS DRIVING (a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on January 15, 2005), in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Brazoria County, Texas, under Cause No. 140461B. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of twelve (12) months. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

7. On or about May 29, 2005, Respondent submitted an Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas, in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilty, no contest or nolo contendere to any crime in any state, territory or country, whether or not a sentence was imposed, including any pending criminal charges or unresolved arrest (excluding minor traffic violations) since the last renewal? This includes expunged offenses and deferred adjudications with or without prejudice of guilt. Please note that DUI's, DWI's, PI's must be reported and are not considered minor traffic violations."

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about May 26, 2005, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty to the amended charge of RECKLESS DRIVING (a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on January 15, 2005), in the County Court at Law No. 3 of Brazoria County, Texas, under Cause No. 140461B. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt.

8. In response to Finding of Fact Number Seven (7), Respondent states that she was ignorant regarding issues pertaining to the law and should have investigated to understand the questions and answer appropriately related to the facts. She states she was confused regarding her duty to report. She sought the advice of a nurse manager who was aware of what had transpired, and Respondent erroneously trusted her recommendations. She states she was given deferred adjudication which included community service and one year of probation. On or about July 15, 2010, she was arrested for driving with a suspended license. She owed money for surcharges that she was unaware of. At her earliest opportunity, after her arrest, she paid the surcharges.

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)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I)&(13).
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 647926, heretofore issued to KRISTIN LEE ECKE, including revocation of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED that RESPONDENT SHALL receive the sanction of REMEDIAL EDUCATION AND A 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 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 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, 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250). 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

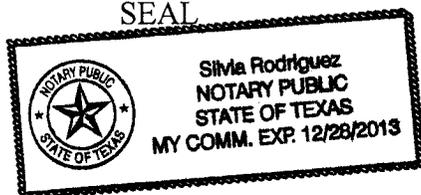
I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I have reviewed this Order. I neither admit nor deny the violations alleged herein. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order, to avoid further disciplinary action in this matter. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that 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(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 4th day of April, 2011.

Kristin Lee Ecke

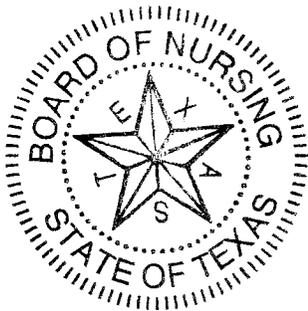
KRISTIN LEE ECKE, Respondent

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of April, 2011.



[Signature] exp 12/28/2013
Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Executive Director, on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing, does hereby ratify and adopt the Agreed Order that was signed on the 4th day of April, 2011, by KRISTIN LEE ECKE, Registered Nurse License Number 647926, and said Order is final.



Effective this 8th day of April, 2011.


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