

IN THE MATTER OF  
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE  
NUMBER 147820  
ISSUED TO  
Christine Kay Poulin

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BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY  
AND DISCIPLINARY  
COMMITTEE  
OF THE 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.  
*Patricia A. Roman*  
Executive Director of the Board

**ORDER OF THE BOARD**

TO: Christine Kay Poulin  
2818 Lake Road #141  
Killeen, Texas 76543

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on March 8, 2011, the Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee of the Texas Board of Nursing 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 vocational 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 regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

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 for rehearing [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 Permanent Certificate Number 147820, previously issued to Christine Kay Poulin, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice vocational nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 8th day of March, 2011.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



BY:

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

Attachment: Formal Charge filed January 12, 2011 .

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 8th day of March, 2011, 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):

Christine Kay Poulin  
2818 Lake Road #141  
Killeen, Texas 76543

*Katherine A. Thomas*

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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





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Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN  
Executive Director

January 13, 2011

Certified Mail No. 91 7108 2133 3934 2618 1976  
Return Receipt Requested

Christine Kay Poulin  
2818 Lake Road #141  
Killeen, Texas 76543

Dear Ms. Poulin:

Enclosed are Formal Charges which have been filed against you alleging one or more violations of Section 301.452(b) of the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code. Within three weeks of the date of this letter, you must file a written answer to each charge admitting or denying each allegation. If you intend to deny only part of an allegation, you must specify so much of it as is true and deny only the remainder. Your answer shall also include any other matter, whether of law or fact, upon which you intend to rely for your defense. Please send your written answer to the attention of Barbara Darling, Administrative Assistant III. You may obtain legal counsel at your own expense.

**FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN ANSWER TO THE FORMAL CHARGES, EITHER PERSONALLY OR BY LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, WILL RESULT IN THE ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN THE FORMAL CHARGES BEING ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE PROPOSED RECOMMENDATION OF STAFF WILL BE GRANTED BY DEFAULT.**

Please be advised that should you fail to file a written answer, the case will proceed on a default basis and it will be staff's recommendation that a default order be entered revoking your license(s) and/or nurse licensure compact privilege(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The results of any default order or formal disposition (Board Order) are public information. Results of informal and formal dispositions will appear in the Board's newsletter under the heading of "Disciplinary Action."

Should you desire to discuss this matter, you may contact Barbara Darling, Administrative Assistant III, Enforcement Division, at the above address, or at (512) 305-6877.

Sincerely,

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN  
Executive Director

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Enclosure: . Formal Charges

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In the Matter of Permanent License § BEFORE THE TEXAS  
Number 147820, Issued to §  
CHRISTINE KAY POULIN, Respondent § BOARD OF NURSING

### FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, CHRISTINE KAY POULIN, is a Vocational Nurse holding license number 147820, which is in current 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 July 9, 1999, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Misdemeanor offense committed on April 6, 1999), in the County Court at Law No. CC5 of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 723852. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement for a period of one (1) year; however, the imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of eighteen (18) months. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay fine and court costs. On or about January 9, 2001, Respondent was discharged from probation. Ordered to have Ignition Interlock installed on vehicle by July 9, 1999.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with TEX. REV. CIV. STAT. 4528c, sec. 10(a)(9)(effective September 1, 1997), and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §239.11(29).

#### CHARGE II.

On or about December 16, 2004, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to THEFT \$50-\$500 (a Misdemeanor offense committed on November 8, 2004), in the County Court at Law no. CC1 of Bexar County, Texas, under Cause No. 905314. 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 six (6) months. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs. On or about June 30, 2005, Respondent was discharged from probation.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10)(effective September 1, 2003), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(13).

### CHARGE III.

On or about May 22, 2005, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form to the Board of Nurse Examiners 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..."

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The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10)(effective September 1, 2003), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).

### CHARGE IV.

On or about June 26, 2009, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she answered "Yes" to the question: "In the past 5 years, have you been diagnosed with or treated or hospitalized for schizophrenia or other psychotic disorder, bipolar disorder, paranoid personality disorder, antisocial personality disorder, or borderline personality disorder?"

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(12), Texas Occupations Code.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to 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 Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. 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).

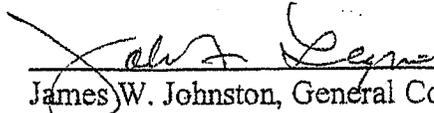
NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, for Lying and Falsification, for Fraud, Theft & Deception, and for Sexual Misconduct, which can be found at the Board's website, [www.bon.state.tx.us](http://www.bon.state.tx.us).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at [www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html](http://www.bon.state.tx.us/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html).

Filed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 20 11.

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