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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 641417 §
issued to RON PERAZA § ORDER

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board considered the matter of RON PERAZA, Registered Nurse License Number 641417, hereinafter referred to as Respondent.

Information received by the Board produced evidence that Respondent may have violated Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order offered on June 7, 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.
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 an Associate Degree in Nursing from Midland College, Midland, Texas, on May 1, 1997. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on June 24, 1997.
5. Respondent's professional nursing employment history is unknown.

6. On or about October 29, 1997, Respondent entered a plea of Not Guilty to the offense of DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (a Class B misdemeanor offense). Subsequently, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and Respondent was convicted of RECKLESS DRIVING (a Misdemeanor offense committed on Mach 22, 1997), in the County Court, Midland County, Texas, under Cause No. 75943. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
7. In Response to Finding of Fact Number Six (6), Respondent states: He was with two friends in a parked car on the street with the keys in the ignition listening to the radio. The police arrived and noticed they had an open containers of alcohol. Respondent's friends were charged with public intoxication and Respondent was charged with DWI due to it was his vehicle and he was in the driver's seat. Respondent states at the advice of his attorney, he was advised to avoid court and take a charge of reckless driving.
8. On or about June 24, 1999, Respondent entered a plea of Nolo Contendere and Respondent was convicted of DRIVING WHILE LICENSE SUSPENDED (a Misdemeanor offense committed on February 24, 1999), in the County Court, Midland County, Texas, under Cause No. 83614. Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Midland County Jail for a period of thirty (30) days. However, the imposition of sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of six (6) months. Additionally, Respondent was ordered to pay a fine and court costs.
9. In Response to Finding of Fact Number Eight (8), Respondent states: He was led to believe by his lawyer that his driving license would be reinstated upon the judgment of the court. Respondent was not aware his lawyer required an additional fee to file the paperwork to have this done and was unaware his license was suspended until he was pulled over. Respondent further states he did not know this incident qualified to be report upon renewal of his nursing license.
10. On or about January 2, 2005, Respondent submitted a License Renewal Form to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which Respondent provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that he 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 since the last renewal?"

On or about November 21, 2003, Respondent was arrested by the Midland County Police Department, Midland, Texas, and subsequently charged under Cause No. 102035 with DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 2nd, (a Class B misdemeanor offense). On or about September 27, 2005, Cause No. 102035 was dismissed in County Court, Midland County, Texas. Respondent successfully completed all condition of Pre-Trial Diversion on September 27, 2005.

11. In Response to Finding of Fact Number Ten (10), Respondent states: He did not think the misdemeanors were required to be reported because his lawyers never informed him that it was necessary. Respondent was under the assumption any types of felonies or classed misdemeanors needed to be reported. The last issue was a pretrial dismissal and Respondent did not believe it fell under deferred adjudication. He also understood that any type of arrests after 2005 should be reported.

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 Section 301.452(b)(10), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I).
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 641417, heretofore issued to RON PERAZA, including revocation of Respondent's license to practice professional 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 REMEDIAL EDUCATION WITH 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 is 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 pay a monetary fine in the amount of two hundred 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.

(2) 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>

IT IS FURTHER AGREED, that upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from RESPONDENT's license 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 to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

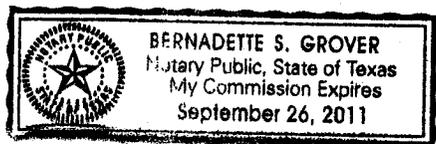
Signed this 18 day of August, 2010.

Ron Peraza
RON PERAZA, Respondent

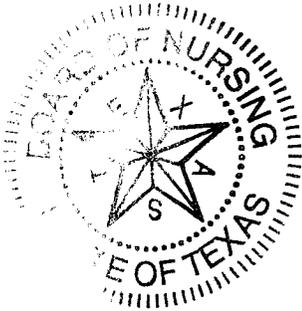
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th day of August, 2010.

SEAL

Bernadette S Grover
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 18th day of August, 2010, by RON PERAZA, Registered Nurse License Number 641417, and said Order is final.



Effective this 25 day of August, 2010.

Katherine A. Thomas

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Executive Director on behalf
of said Board