

IN THE MATTER OF
PERMANENT CERTIFICATE
NUMBER 679624
ISSUED TO
SUZANNE FRANCES SEE

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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 R. Thomas
Executive Director of the Board

ORDER OF THE BOARD

TO: SUZANNE FRANCES SEE
2318 Kendal Green Circle
College Station, Texas 77845

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 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 professional 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 679624, previously issued to SUZANNE FRANCES SEE, to practice professional 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 professional nursing in the State of Texas.



Entered this 14th day of September, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

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

Re: Permanent Certificate Number 679624
Issued to SUZANNE FRANCES SEE
DEFAULT ORDER -REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 16th day of September, 2010, 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):

SUZANNE FRANCES SEE
2318 Kendal Green Circle
College Station, Texas 77845

BY:



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

In the Matter of Permanent License § **BEFORE THE TEXAS**
Number 679624, Issued to §
SUZANNE FRANCES SEE, Respondent § **BOARD OF NURSING**

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, SUZANNE FRANCES SEE, is a Registered Nurse holding license number 679624, 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 August 7, 2009, while employed as a Private Duty Registered Nurse, College Station, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she was found unconscious by College Station Police Department in her home with several syringes surrounding her. Additionally, College Station Police Department found marijuana cigars and other drug paraphernalia in her residence. Respondent was taken to College Station Medical Center where she admitted to a police officer to injecting herself with Demerol to cope with the pain she was feeling. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(B),(4),(5)&(11)(B).

CHARGE II.

On or about August 17, 2009, while employed as a Private Duty Registered Nurse, College Station, Texas, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she was admitted to Sante' Center for Healing, Argyle, Texas, for intensive inpatient treatment pertaining to chemical dependency. Additionally, on or about September 26, 2009, Respondent checked herself out of Sante', then again checked herself back in on September 28, 2009, where at the time of this check-in, drug paraphernalia was discovered in her car. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(B),(4),(5)&(11)(B).

CHARGE III.

On or about January 11, 2010, while licensed as a Registered Nurse, Respondent lacked fitness to practice nursing in that she started intensive outpatient treatment for chemical dependency. Respondent's condition could have affected her ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in patients' conditions, and could have affected her ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patients in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(10)&(12), Texas Occupations Code and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(B),(4),(5)&(11)(B).

CHARGE IV.

On or about February 11, 2010, Respondent entered a plea of "Guilty" to POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA 0-2OZ. (a Class B Misdemeanor offense committed on August 7, 2009) in The County Court a Law 2, Brazos County, Texas, Under Cause No. 09-04216-CRM-CCL2. As a result of the plea, the proceedings against Respondent were deferred without entering an adjudication of guilt and she was placed on Community Supervision for a period of one (1) year. Additionally, she was ordered to pay a fine and court costs, and perform eighty (80) hours of community service.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(3)&(10), Texas Occupations Code and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(11)(B).

CHARGE V.

On or about May 3, 2010, while employed as a Registered Nurse with Brazos Valley Home Health, College Station, Texas, Respondent engaged in the intemperate use of Cocaine in that she submitted a drug screen for her court ordered community supervision that produced a positive result for Cocaine (1480 ng/mL). Possession of Cocaine is prohibited by Chapter 481 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (Controlled Substances Act). The use of Cocaine by a Registered Nurse, while subject to call or duty, could impair the nurse's ability to recognize subtle signs, symptoms or changes in the patient's condition, and could impair the nurse's ability to make rational, accurate, and appropriate assessments, judgments, and decisions regarding patient care, thereby placing the patient in potential danger.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(9)&(10), Texas Occupations Code and is a violation of 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(1)(A)&(B),(10)(A)&(D) and (11)(B).

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.

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, which can be found at the Board's website, 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.

Filed this 2nd day of June, 2010.

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