BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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In the Matter of Registered Nurse §
License Number 539647 §
issued to MERRYE PEREGRINO §

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

ORDER OF THE BOARD

On this day, the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, accepted the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 539647, issued to MERRYE PEREGRINO, hereinafter referred to as Respondent. This action was taken in accordance with Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code.

Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

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

2. Respondent waived representation by counsel, informal proceedings, notice and hearing.

3. Respondent received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Texarkana Community College, Texarkana, Texas, on May 1, 1987. Respondent was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas in August 24, 1987.

4. Respondent's professional nursing employment history includes:

1987 - 1994	Unknown	
1995 - 2002	Not employed as a Nurse	
12/2002 - 9/2004	Staff Nurse	Osteopathic Medical Center Unknown

Respondent's professional nursing employment history continued:

10/2004 - 5/2006	Staff Nurse	American Hospice Unknown
6/2006 - 9/2006	Staff Nurse Part-time	Parkview Nursing Home Unknown
10/2006 - 8/2008	Staff Nurse	American Hospice Unknown
9/2008 - 2/2009	Staff Nurse	Freedom Hospice Unknown
3/2009 - 7/2009	Staff Nurse	Jordan Home Health Unknown
8/2009 - 4/2010	School Nurse	Arlington Independent School District Arlington, Texas
5/2010	Staff Nurse Part-time	TenderHeart Hospice Unknown
6/2010 - Present	Not employed as a Nurse	

5. On or about May 24, 2010, the Board provided Respondent with notice of alleged violations of the Nursing Practice Act of the State of Texas, as follows:

   That, on or about April 9, 2010, while employed with Arlington Independent School District, Arlington, Texas, and assigned to Rankin Elementary School, Arlington, Texas, Respondent failed to provide adequate care for Student ID Number 319918 in that she:
   - Failed to accurately assess and/or document the assessment of the student when he presented to her clinic with "breathing problems;"
   - Administered Albuterol Inhaler Treatment without a physician's order;
   - Failed to follow the policies and procedures in place at the school after administering the Albuterol Inhaler Treatment by sending the student back to class instead of keeping the student quiet in the clinic; and
   - Delayed medical treatment in that she waited approximately 45 minutes before calling 911 instead of calling them immediately.

5. On or about June 22, 2010, Respondent submitted a notarized statement to the Board voluntarily surrendering the right to practice professional nursing in Texas. A copy of Respondent's notarized statement, dated June 14, 2010, is attached and incorporated herein by reference as part of this Order.

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)&(13), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§217.11(1)(A),(1)(B),(1)(C),(1)(D),(1)(M)&(3)(A) and 217.12(1)(A),(1)(B)&(4).

4. Under Section 301.453(c), Texas Occupations Code, the Board has the authority to accept the voluntary surrender of a license.

5. Under Section 301.453(d), Texas Occupations Code, the Board may impose conditions for reinstatement of licensure.

6. Any subsequent reinstatement of this license will be controlled by Section 301.452 (b), Texas Occupations Code, and 22 TAC§§213.26-.29, and any amendments thereof in effect at the time of the reinstatement.

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ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the voluntary surrender of Registered Nurse License Number 539647, heretofore issued to MERRYE PEREGRINO, to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas, is accepted by the Executive Director on behalf of the Texas Board of Nursing. In connection with this acceptance, the Board imposes the following conditions:

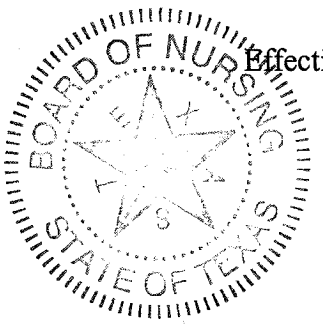
1. RESPONDENT SHALL immediately deliver the wallet-size license, heretofore issued to MERRYE PEREGRINO, to the office of the Texas Board of Nursing.

2. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT practice nursing, use the title of RN or the abbreviation or wear any insignia identifying herself as a registered nurse or use any designation which, directly or indirectly, would lead any person to believe that RESPONDENT is a registered nurse during the period in which the license is surrendered.

3. RESPONDENT SHALL NOT petition for reinstatement of licensure until: one (1) year has elapsed from the date of this Order.

4. Upon petitioning for reinstatement, RESPONDENT SHALL satisfy all then existing requirements for relicensure.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED and 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.



Effective this 22nd day of June, 2010.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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

June 14, 2010

Texas Board of Nursing
333 Guadalupe #3-460
Austin, Texas 78701

RE: License #539647

Dear Sirs;

Because there were no specific instructions on your website on how to Voluntarily Surrender my nursing license, I have typed this submission and had it notarized.

In addition, the email link at your site did not have a "submit" button so I was not able to ask for specific directions in writing. Your phone number stayed busy.

With these things in mind, please accept this letter as formal submission of my intent to Voluntarily Surrender my nursing license to the Texas Board of Nursing.

I have served my patients well for 23 years but now I am done. I am not licensed in any other state. I am not currently employed as a Nurse and have no intention of ever being employed as a nurse again.

Sincerely,

Merrye Lynn Peregrino

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2709 Golden Creek Lane #901
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COUNTY :- TARRANT

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