STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING

BOARD:

Nursing

CASE NUMBER:

COMPLAINT MADE BY:

DATE OF COMPLAINT:

RESPONDENT:

2014-18419

Department of Health Consumer Services Unit

November 3, 2015

Joleen Kennedy, C.N.A. P.O. Box 11005 St. Petersburg, Florida 33733

ALTERNATE ADDRESS:

RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY:

INVESTIGATED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

401 34th Street North, #104 Saint Petersburg, Florida 33714

N/A

Diane Bates Tallahassee Office

Natalia S. Thomas Assistant General Counsel

RECOMMENDATION:

Dismiss (4097) Reconsideration

CLOSING ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION

THE COMPLAINT: The Complainant alleged Subject violated Section 464.204(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), intentionally violating any provision of this chapter, chapter 456, or the rules adopted by the board, by intentionally violating Section 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2014), being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless

of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice, a licensee's profession.

THE FACTS: On or about January 26, 2016, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint alleging that Subject was convicted of a crime related to the practice of nursing assistance. On or about April 8, 2016, the Board of Nursing revoked Subject's license to practice as a certified nursing assistant in case number 2014-18335. As such, Subject no longer has a license to practice nursing assistance in the state of Florida.

Since Respondent no longer possesses a license to practice nursing assistance in the state of Florida, the Department recommends that this case be closed without further prosecution.

THE LAW: Pursuant to Section 456.073(2), Florida Statutes, this case is hereby DISMISSED.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that this matter should be and the same is hereby DISMISSED.

DONE and ORDERED this _____ day of _____ 2016.

CHAIRPERSON, PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL BOARD OF NURSING

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

v.

CASE NO. 2014-18419

JOLEEN R. KENNEDY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Nursing against Respondent, Joleen R. Kennedy, C.N.A., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of nursing assistance pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 464, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Administrative Complaint, Respondent was a certified nursing assistant (C.N.A.) within the State of Florida, having been issued certification number CNA 81172. 3. Respondent is licensed pursuant to Chapter 464, Florida Statutes, and is a health care practitioner as defined in Section 456.001(4), Florida Statutes.

4. Respondent's address of record is P.O. Box 11005, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33733.

5. Respondent's alternate address is 401 34th Street, North, #104, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33714.

Respondent's address may also be 1616 21st Street, South, Lot
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7. On or about July 22, 2014, in the Circuit/County Court, in and for Pinellas County, Florida, Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to Petit Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, in violation of Section 812.014(2)(e), Florida Statutes.

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12. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 464.204(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), by intentionally violating Section 3 Department of Health v. Joleen R. Kennedy, C.N.A. Case Number: 2014-18419 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2014), for being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice, a licensee's profession.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Nursing enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

Department of Health v. Joleen R. Kennedy, C.N.A. Case Number: 2014-18419 SIGNED this 27th day of ______, 2016.

JOHN H. ARMSTRONG, MD, FACS State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health

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Natalia S. Thomas Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar Number 83826 DOH Prosecution Services Unit 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-65 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265 Telephone: (850) 245–4444 ext. 8218 Facsimile: (850) 245–4662 Email: natalia.thomas@flhealth.gov

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PCP: January 26, 2014 PCP Members: Gordon & Kemp FILED Department Of Health Deputy Clerk CLERK Angel Sanders DATE JAN 2 8 2016

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested.

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STATE OF FLORIDA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



INVESTIGATIVE REPORT

Office: ISU - St. Petersburg	Date of Complain	it: 03/04/16	Case Number: 201418419
Subject: JOLEN KENNEDY, CNA 1616 – 21 st Street South, Lot 220 St. Petersburg, FL, 33712 Cell Phone 727-310-9915 *New*		Source: PSU	
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		Delinquent / Ad	ctive
Related Case(s): None		Period of Investigation and Type of Report	
		03/04/16 throu	gh 03/08/16
Alleged Violation: See Final Report			and service of an Administrative Complaint
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Investigator/Date Joel Pilcher, ISII, PI-49	03/08/16		

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PSU REQUEST FORM

FROM: Tracie Robinson, for Natalia Thomas	TO: ISU Shane Walters, Mgr.				
Esq. Date: 3/4/216	TO: CSU				
Phone #: 850-245-4444, ext. 8218	CC: Diane Bates, Inv.				
Phone #: 050-245-4444, ext. 0210					
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Requested Completion Date: 4/1/2016	3 				
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St. Petersburg, FL 33712 Last Known Name Last Known Place of Employment & Address if Known					
Has Contact Been Made With This Individual? YES	S 🗌 No[]; If Yes, When?				
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**IF YES, please send a copy of the original Inv					
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Certified Article Number 9414 7266 9904 2017 4876 88 SENDERS RECORD

Joleen Kennedy 1616 21st Street South Lot 220 St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

RE: DOH v. Joleen Kennedy, C.N.A. Case No. 2014-18419

Dear Ms. Kennedy:

Enclosed please find a copy of an Administrative Complaint that has been filed against your license by the Department of Health. An Election of Rights form is also enclosed.

Please review the attached documents and return the Election of Rights form to my attention. You must return your election to my office within twenty-one (21) days of the date you received it. Failure to return your election within twenty-one (21) days will be considered a waiver of your right to dispute the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

In addition, enclosed is a Settlement Agreement containing terms I believe will be acceptable in resolving this matter without the need for a Formal or Informal Hearing. If you would like to accept the terms of the Settlement Agreement, please sign it before a notary public and return it to my office. Please note that the Settlement Agreement is subject to final approval by the Board of Nursing and is considered disciplinary action.

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Please contact me by phone at 850-245-4444, extension 8218, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Natalia S. Thomas Assistant General Counsel (850) 245-4444 Ext. 8218

Enclosures: Administrative Complaint, Election of Rights form, Settlement Agreement, and Voluntary Relinquishment form

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

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CASE NO. 2014-18419

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SIGNED this 27^{\dagger} 2016. _ day of JOHN H. ARMSTRONG, MD, FACS State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health n. Thomas Natalia S. Thomas Assistant General Counsel Florida Bar Number 83826 DOH Prosecution Services Unit[®] 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-65 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265 Telephone: (850) 245-4444 ext. 8218 Facsimile: (850) 245-4662 Email: natalia.thomas@flhealth.gov FILED /NST Department Of Health PCP: January 26, 2014 PCP Members: Gordon & Kemp Deputy Clerk CLERK Angel Sanders DATE JAN 28 2016 5 Department of Health v. Joleen R. Kennedy, C.N.A. Case Number: 2014-18419

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ELECTION OF RIGHTS

Please sign and complete all of the information below:

I received the Administrative Complaint on the following date:

PLEASE SELECT ONLY 1 OF THE 2 OPTIONS.

OPTION 1. I do not dispute the allegations of material fact in the Administrative Complaint. I request a hearing be conducted pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, where I will be permitted to appear, if I so choose, and submit oral and/or written evidence in mitigation of the complaint to the Board.

OPTION 2. <u>I do</u> dispute the allegations of material fact contained in the Administrative Complaint and request this to be considered a petition for formal hearing, pursuant to Sections 120.569(2)(a) and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, before an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the Division of Administrative Hearings. Pursuant to the requirement of Uniform Rule 28-106.2015(5), Florida Administrative Code, I specifically dispute the following material facts (identified by paragraph number and fact disputed) in the Administrative Complaint:

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In the event that you fail to make an election in this matter within twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the Administrative Complaint, your failure to do so may be considered a waiver of your right to elect a hearing in this matter, pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4), Florida Administrative Code, and the Board may proceed to hear your case.

<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>; Regardless of which option you choose, you may be able to reach a settlement agreement with the Department in your case. Please contact the prosecuting attorney if you wish to do so.

Respondent's Signature	Attorney/Qualified	Representative*
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Email:	Email:	
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Before me, personally appeared	and who, acknowledges that his/her s	agnature appears above.
Sworn to or affirmed by Affiant before me this	_day of	20
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PLEASE MAIL AND/OR FAX COMPLETED FORM TO Cypress Way, Bin C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265.	: Natalia S. Thomas, Assistant Genera 'elephone Number: (850) 245-4444 ext	al Counsel, DOH, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald L. [8218]; FAX (850) 245-4662; TDD 1-800-955-8771
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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

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CASE NO. 2014-18419

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, the above named parties hereby offer this Settlement Agreement (Agreement) and agree to entry of a Final Order of the Board of Nursing (Board) incorporating this Agreement as disposition of the Administrative Complaint, in lieu of any other administrative proceedings. The terms herein become effective only if and when a Final Order accepting this Agreement is issued by the Board and filed with the Department of Health Agency Clerk.

In considering this Agreement, the Board may review all materials gathered during the investigation of this case. If this Agreement is rejected, it, and its presentation to the Board, shall not be used against either party.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. At all times material to this matter, Respondent was a **Certified Nursing** Assistant (C.N.A.) in the State of Florida holding license number **81172**.

2. The Department charged Respondent with an Administrative Complaint that was properly served upon Respondent with violations of Chapters 456 and/or 464, <u>Florida</u> Statutes. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A.

3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint.

STIPULATED LAW

Respondent admits that he/she is subject to the provisions of Chapters
456 and 464, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board.

2. Respondent admits that the stipulated facts, if proven true, constitute violations of Chapter 456 and/or 464, Florida Statutes as alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

3. Respondent agrees that the Agreement is a fair, appropriate, and reasonable resolution of this pending matter.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION

The Board of Nursing shall reprimand the license of the Respondent.
The Respondent shall pay an administrative fine in the amount of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) and investigative costs not to exceed (One thousand two hundred fifty three dollars and twenty nine cents <u>\$1,253.29</u>) within (1 year) from the date of entry of the Final Order. Payment shall be made to the Board of Nursing and mailed to, DOH/HMQACS, Compliance Management Unit, Bin C76, Post Office Box 6320, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6320, Attention: Nursing Compliance Officer. Payment must be made by cashier's check or money order ONLY. Personal checks will NOT be accepted.

3. The Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete courses in Legal Aspects of Nursing (4-hours). This shall be in addition to other normally required continuing education courses. Verification of course content and course completion must be submitted to the Nursing Compliance Officer within six (6) months from the date of the Final Order accepting this Settlement Agreement. The Board will retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing continuing education requirements.

4. The Respondent shall not violate Chapter 456 or 464, Florida Statutes, the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice or the ability to practice nursing. Violation of an order from another state/jurisdiction shall constitute grounds for violation of the Final Order accepting this Settlement Agreement.

5. It is expressly understood that this Settlement Agreement is subject to the approval of the Department and the Board, and has no force and effect until a Final Order is entered accepting this Settlement Agreement.

6. This Settlement Agreement is executed by the Respondent for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action by the Board of Nursing regarding the acts or omissions specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached hereto. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to, or in conjunction with, consideration of the Agreement. Furthermore, should this Settlement Agreement not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to, and consideration of, this Settlement Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally

prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings. Respondent shall offer no evidence, testimony or argument that disputes or contravenes any stipulated fact or conclusion of law.

7. Respondent and the Department fully understand that this Settlement Agreement and subsequent Final Order incorporating same will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board and/or Department against the Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached hereto. This Agreement relates solely to the current disciplinary proceedings arising from the above-mentioned Administrative Complaint and does not preclude further action by other divisions, departments, and/or sections of the Department, including but not limited to the Agency for Health Care Administration's Medicaid Program Integrity Office.

8. The Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

9. Respondent waives all rights to appeal and further review of this Agreement and these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto request the Board enter a Final Order accepting and implementing the terms of the Settlement Agreement contained herein.

(Signatures follow on next page.)

SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 201___.

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ______ Whose identity is known to be by ______ (type of identification), and who under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above. Sworn to and subscribed by Respondent before me this _____ day of ______, 201__.

Notary Public My Commission Expires:

APPROVED this _____ day of ______ 201____

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

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CASE NO. 2014-18419

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE

Respondent, **JOLEEN KENNEDY**, **C.N.A.**, license number **81172**, hereby voluntarily relinquishes Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Florida and states as follows:

1. Respondent's purpose in executing this Voluntary Relinquishment is to avoid further administrative action with respect to this case. Respondent understands that acceptance by the Board of Nursing (hereinafter the Board) of this Voluntary Relinquishment shall be construed as disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Section 456.072(1)(f), Florida Statutes. As with any disciplinary action, this relinquishment will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank. Licensing authorities in other states may impose discipline in their jurisdiction based on discipline taken in Florida.

executing this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent further agrees to refrain from the practice of nursing until such time as this Voluntary Relinquishment is presented to the Board and the Board issues a written Final Order in this matter.

3. In order to expedite consideration and resolution of this action by the Board in a public meeting, Respondent, being fully advised of the consequences of so doing, hereby waives the statutory privilege of confidentiality of Section 456.073(10), Florida Statutes, and waives a determination of probable cause, by the Probable Cause Panel, or the Department when appropriate, pursuant to Section 456.073(4), Florida Statutes, regarding the complaint, the investigative report of the Department of Health, and all other information obtained pursuant to the Department's investigation in this case. By signing this waiver, Respondent understands that the record and complaint become public record and remain public record and that information is immediately accessible to the public.

4. Upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, Respondent agrees to waive all rights to seek judicial review, or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Voluntary Relinquishment and of the Final Order of the Board incorporating this Voluntary Relinquishment.

5. Petitioner and Respondent hereby agree that upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs related to the prosecution or defense of this case.

6: Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent in connection with the Board's consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent agrees that consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment and other related materials by the Board shall not prejudice or preclude the Board, or any of its members, from further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings if the terms of this Voluntary Relinquishment are not accepted by the Board.

SIGNED this _____ day of ______, 201___.

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF______ Before me personally appeared ______ whose identity is known to be by ______ (type of identification), and who under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above. Sworn to and subscribed by Respondent before me this _____ day of ______, 201__.

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AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Petitioner vs

Case No. 2014-18419

JOLEN KENNEDY, CNA

Respondent

COMES NOW, the affiant, who first being duly sworn, deposes and states: 1) Affiant is an Investigator/Inspector employed by the DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, State of Florida.

2) That on (date) 03/07/16, Affiant made a diligent effort to locate Respondent, to serve ______Order to Compel an Examination __X___ Administrative Complaint and related papers; _____Order compelling examination(s); _____Subpoena(s); _____Final order; _____Notice to cease and desist; _____ESO/ERO and related papers.

3) Check applicable answer below:

<u>X</u>_Affiant made personal service on Respondent, or on some person at Respondent's usual place of abode over the age of 15 residing there, on (date) <u>03/07/16</u> at (address) <u>Quality Inn Suites Room 259, 3655 Hospitality Lane, Clearwater, FL.</u>

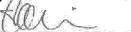
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Affiant

State Of Florida County Of Pinellas

Before me, personally appeared <u>Joel Patrick Pilcher</u> whose identity is known to me as a co-worker (type of identification) and who, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above.

Sworn to or affirmed by Affiant before me this 8th day of March, 2016 .





Notary Public-State of Florida

My Commission Expires

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February 2, 2016

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RE DOH v. Joleen Kennedy, C.N.A. Case No. 2014-18419

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

v.

CASE NO. 2014-18419

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ELECTION OF RIGHTS

Please sign and complete all of the information below?

I received the Administrative Complaint on the following date:

PLEASE SELECT ONLY 1 OF THE 2 OPTIONS.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

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JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, the above named parties hereby offer this Settlement Agreement (Agreement) and agree to entry of a Final Order of the Board of Nursing (Board) incorporating this Agreement as disposition of the Administrative Complaint, in lieu of any other administrative proceedings. The terms herein become effective only if and when a Final Order accepting this Agreement is issued by the Board and filed with the Department of Health Agency Clerk,

In considering this Agreement, the Board may review all materials gathered during the investigation of this case. If this Agreement is rejected, it, and its presentation to the Board, shall not be used against either party.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. At all times material to this matter, Respondent was a **Certified Nursing** Assistant (C.N.A.) in the State of Florida holding license number **81172**.

2. The Department charged Respondent with an Administrative Complaint that was properly served upon Respondent with violations of Chapters 456 and/or 464,

Florida Statutes. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A.

3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint.

STIPULATED LAW

1. Respondent admits that he/she is subject to the provisions of Chapters 456 and 464, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board.

2. Respondent admits that the stipulated facts, if proven true, constitute violations of Chapter 456 and/or 464, Florida Statutes as alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

3. Respondent agrees that the Agreement is a fair, appropriate, and reasonable resolution of this pending matter.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION

1. The Board of Nursing shall reprimand the license of the Respondent.

2. The Respondent shall pay an administrative fine in the amount of **Fifty dollars (\$50.00)** and investigative costs not to exceed **(One thousand two hundred fifty three dollars and twenty nine cents <u>\$1,253.29</u>) within (1 year)** from the date of entry of the Final Order. Payment shall be made to the Board of Nursing and mailed to, DOH/HMQACS, Compliance Management Unit, Bin C76, Post Office Box 6320, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6320, Attention: Nursing Compliance Officer. <u>Payment must be made by cashier's check or money order ONLY.</u> Personal checks will **NOT** be accepted.

3. The Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete courses in **Legal Aspects of Nursing (4-hours)**. This shall be in addition to other normally required continuing education courses. Verification of course content and course completion must be submitted to the Nursing Compliance Officer within six (6) months from the date of the Final Order accepting this Settlement Agreement. The Board will retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing continuing education requirements.

4. The Respondent shall not violate Chapter 456 or 464, Florida Statutes, the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice or the ability to practice nursing. Violation of an order from another state/jurisdiction shall constitute grounds for violation of the Final Order accepting this Settlement Agreement.

5. It is expressly understood that this Settlement Agreement is subject to the approval of the Department and the Board, and has no force and effect until a Final Order is entered accepting this Settlement Agreement.

6. This Settlement Agreement is executed by the Respondent for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action by the Board of Nursing regarding the acts or omissions specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached hereto. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to, or in conjunction with, consideration of the Agreement. Furthermore, should this Settlement Agreement not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to, and consideration of, this Settlement Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally

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8. The Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

9. Respondent waives all rights to appeal and further review of this Agreement and these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto request the Board enter a Final Order accepting and implementing the terms of the Settlement Agreement contained herein.

(Signatures follow on next page.)

SIGNED this _____ day of ______, 201___.

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF______ Before me personally appeared ______ whose identity is known to be by ______ (type of identification), and who under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above. Sworn to and subscribed by Respondent before me this _____ day of ______, 201__.

Notary Public My Commission Expires:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 201___.

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VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE

Respondent, **JOLEEN KENNEDY**, **C.N.A.**, license number **81172**, hereby voluntarily relinquishes Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Florida and states as follows:

1. Respondent's purpose in executing this Voluntary Relinquishment is to avoid further administrative action with respect to this case. Respondent understands that acceptance by the Board of Nursing (hereinafter the Board) of this Voluntary Relinquishment shall be construed as disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Section 456.072(1)(f), Florida Statutes. As with any disciplinary action, this relinquishment will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank. Licensing authorities in other states may impose discipline in their jurisdiction based on discipline taken in Florida. 2. Respondent agrees to voluntarily cease practicing nursing immediately upon executing this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent further agrees to refrain from the practice of nursing until such time as this Voluntary Relinquishment is presented to the Board and the Board issues a written Final Order in this matter.

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CASE NO. 2014-18419

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Pursuant to Section 120.57(4), Florida Statutes, the above named parties hereby offer this Settlement Agreement (Agreement) and agree to entry of a Final Order of the Board of Nursing (Board) incorporating this Agreement as disposition of the Administrative Complaint, in lieu of any other administrative proceedings. The terms herein become effective only if and when a Final Order accepting this Agreement is issued by the Board and filed with the Department of Health Agency Clerk.

In considering this Agreement, the Board may review all materials gathered during the investigation of this case. If this Agreement is rejected, it, and its presentation to the Board, shall not be used against either party.

STIPULATED FACTS

1. At all times material to this matter, Respondent was a **Certified Nursing** Assistant (C.N.A.) in the State of Florida holding license number **81172**.

2. The Department charged Respondent with an Administrative Complaint that was properly served upon Respondent with violations of Chapters 456 and/or 464,

Florida Statutes. A true and correct copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit A.

3. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint.

STIPULATED LAW

1. Respondent admits that he/she is subject to the provisions of Chapters 456 and 464, Florida Statutes, and the jurisdiction of the Department and the Board.

2. Respondent admits that the stipulated facts, if proven true, constitute violations of Chapter 456 and/or 464, Florida Statutes as alleged in the Administrative * Complaint.

3. Respondent agrees that the Agreement is a fair, appropriate, and reasonable resolution of this pending matter.

PROPOSED DISPOSITION

1. The Board of Nursing shall reprimand the license of the Respondent.

2. The Respondent shall pay an administrative fine in the amount of **Fifty dollars (\$50.00)** and investigative costs not to exceed **(One thousand two hundred fifty three dollars and twenty nine cents \$1,253.29)** within **(1 year)** from the date of entry of the Final Order. Payment shall be made to the Board of Nursing and mailed to, DOH/HMQACS, Compliance Management Unit, Bin C76, Post Office Box 6320, Tallahassee, Florida 32314-6320, Attention: Nursing Compliance Officer. <u>Payment must be made by cashier's check or money order ONLY.</u> Personal checks will **NOT** be accepted. 3. The Respondent shall enroll in and successfully complete courses in **Legal Aspects of Nursing (4-hours)**. This shall be in addition to other normally required continuing education courses. Verification of course content and course completion must be submitted to the Nursing Compliance Officer within six (6) months from the date of the Final Order accepting this Settlement Agreement. The Board will retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing continuing education requirements.

4. The Respondent shall not violate Chapter 456 or 464, Florida Statutes, the rules promulgated pursuant thereto, any other state or federal law, rule, or regulation relating to the practice or the ability to practice nursing. Violation of an order from another state/jurisdiction shall constitute grounds for violation of the Final Order accepting this Settlement Agreement.

5. It is expressly understood that this Settlement Agreement is subject to the approval of the Department and the Board, and has no force and effect until a Final Order is entered accepting this Settlement Agreement.

6. This Settlement Agreement is executed by the Respondent for the purpose of avoiding further administrative action by the Board of Nursing regarding the acts or omissions specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached hereto. In this regard, Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent prior to, or in conjunction with, consideration of the Agreement. Furthermore, should this Settlement Agreement not be accepted by the Board, it is agreed that presentation to, and consideration of, this Settlement Agreement and other documents and matters by the Board shall not unfairly or illegally

prejudice the Board or any of its members from further participation, consideration or resolution of these proceedings. Respondent shall offer no evidence, testimony or argument that disputes or contravenes any stipulated fact or conclusion of law.

7. Respondent and the Department fully understand that this Settlement Agreement and subsequent Final Order incorporating same will in no way preclude additional proceedings by the Board and/or Department against the Respondent for acts or omissions not specifically set forth in the Administrative Complaint attached hereto. This Agreement relates solely to the current disciplinary proceedings arising from the above-mentioned Administrative Complaint and does not preclude further action by other divisions, departments, and/or sections of the Department, including but not limited to the Agency for Health Care Administration's Medicaid Program Integrity Office.

8. The Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

9. Respondent waives all rights to appeal and further review of this Agreement and these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, the parties hereto request the Board enter a Final Order accepting and implementing the terms of the Settlement Agreement contained herein.

(Signatures follow on next page.)

SIGNED this _____ day of ______ 201___.

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ______ whose identity is known to be by ______ (type of identification), and who under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above. Sworn to and subscribed by Respondent before me this _____ day of ______, 201__.

Notary Public My Commission Expires:

APPROVED this _____ day of _____, 201___.

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

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CASE NO. 2014-18419

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE

Respondent, **JOLEEN KENNEDY**, **C.N.A.**, license number **81172**, hereby voluntarily relinquishes Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Florida and states as follows:

1. Respondent's purpose in executing this Voluntary Relinquishment is to avoid further administrative action with respect to this case. Respondent understands that acceptance by the Board of Nursing (hereinafter the Board) of this Voluntary Relinquishment shall be construed as disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Section 456.072(1)(f), Florida Statutes. As with any disciplinary action, this relinquishment will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank. Licensing authorities in other states may impose discipline in their jurisdiction based on discipline taken in Florida. 2. Respondent agrees to voluntarily cease practicing nursing immediately upon executing this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent further agrees to refrain from the practice of nursing until such time as this Voluntary Relinquishment is presented to the Board and the Board issues a written Final Order in this matter.

3. In order to expedite consideration and resolution of this action by the Board in a public meeting, Respondent, being fully advised of the consequences of so doing, hereby waives the statutory privilege of confidentiality of Section 456.073(10), Florida Statutes, and waives a determination of probable cause, by the Probable Cause Panel, or the Department when appropriate, pursuant to Section 456.073(4), Florida Statutes, regarding the complaint, the investigative report of the Department of Health, and all other information obtained pursuant to the Department's investigation in this case. By signing this waiver, Respondent understands that the record and complaint become public record and remain public record and that information is immediately accessible to the public.

4. Upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, Respondent agrees to waive all rights to seek judicial review, or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Voluntary Relinquishment and of the Final Order of the Board incorporating this Voluntary Relinquishment.

5. Petitioner and Respondent hereby agree that upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, each party shall bear its own attorney's fees and costs related to the prosecution or defense of this case. 6. Respondent authorizes the Board to review and examine all investigative file materials concerning Respondent in connection with the Board's consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent agrees that consideration of this Voluntary Relinquishment and other related materials by the Board shall not prejudice or preclude the Board, or any of its members, from further participation, consideration, or resolution of these proceedings if the terms of this Voluntary Relinquishment are not accepted by the Board.

SIGNED this _____ day of ______, 201___.

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF

Before me personally appeared ______ whose identity is known to be by ______ (type of identification), and who under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above. Sworn to and subscribed by Respondent before me this _____ day of ______, 201__.

Notary Public My Commission Expires:

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Mission: To protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.



Rick Scott Governor

John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS State Surgeon General and Secretary

Vision: To be the Healthiest State in the Nation

February 2, 2016

Certified Article Number 9414 7266 9904 2017 4876 88 SENDERS RECORD

Joleen Kennedy 1616 21st Street South Lot 220 St. Petersburg, Florida 33712

RE: DOH v. Joleen Kennedy, C.N.A. Case No. 2014-18419

Dear Ms. Kennedy

Enclosed please find a copy of an Administrative Complaint that has been filed against your license by the Department of Health. An Election of Rights form is also enclosed.

Please review the attached documents and return the Election of Rights form to my attention. You must return your election to my office within twenty-one (21) days of the date you received it. Failure to return your election within twenty-one (21) days will be considered a waiver of your right to dispute the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

In addition, enclosed is a Settlement Agreement containing terms I believe will be acceptable in resolving this matter without the need for a Formal or Informal Hearing. If you would like to accept the terms of the Settlement Agreement, please sign it before a notary public and return it to my office. Please note that the Settlement Agreement is subject to final approval by the Board of Nursing and is considered disciplinary action.

A Voluntary Relinquishment form has also been included in this package for your consideration. Voluntarily relinquishing your license is giving up your ability to practice Nursing in the state of Florida. If you no longer wish to practice Nursing in Florida, please sign the voluntary relinquishment before a notary and return it to my office. Please note that voluntary relinquishment of your license is considered disciplinary action.

Please contact me by phone at 850-245-4444, extension 8218, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Natalia S. Thomas Assistant General Counsel (850) 245-4444 Ext. 8218

Enclosures: Administrative Complaint, Election of Rights form, Settlement Agreement, and Voluntary Relinquishment form

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

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CASE NO. 2014-18419

JOLEEN R. KENNEDY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Nursing against Respondent, Joleen R. Kennedy, C.N.A., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of nursing assistance pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 464, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Administrative Complaint, Respondent was a certified nursing assistant (C.N.A.) within the State of Florida, having been issued certification number CNA 81172. 3. Respondent is licensed pursuant to Chapter 464, Florida Statutes, and is a health care practitioner as defined in Section 456.001(4), Florida Statutes.

4. Respondent's address of record is P.O. Box 11005, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33733.

5. Respondent's alternate address is 401 34th Street, North, #104, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33714.

Respondent's address may also be 1616 21st Street, South, Lot
220, St. Petersburg, Florida, 33712.

7. On or about July 22, 2014, in the Circuit/County Court, in and for Pinellas County, Florida, Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to Petit Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, in violation of Section 812.014(2)(e), Florida Statutes.

8. A certified nursing assistant is one of a handful of categories of licensed professionals that provides direct patient care, in many instances, to minors, the elderly or those with long-term infirmities, often in patients' homes or in nursing home settings with access to patients' valuables. As such, entering a plea of nolo contendere to petit theft, relates to the practice

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of, or the ability to practice, nursing assistance and violates the level of trust and confidence invested by the Legislature in these categories of licensees.

9. Section 464.204(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), provides that intentionally violating any provision of Chapter 464, Chapter 456, or the rules adopted by the board, constitutes grounds for which the board may impose disciplinary sanctions.

10. Section 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2014), provides that being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice, a licensee's profession, constitutes grounds for disciplinary action.

11. As set forth above, on or about July 22, 2014, in the Circuit/County Court, in and for Pinellas County, Florida, Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to Petit Theft, a first-degree misdemeanor, in violation of Section 812.014(2)(e), Florida Statutes, which relates to the Respondent's profession.

12. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 464.204(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), by intentionally violating Section Bepartment of Health v. Joleen R. Kennedy, C.N.A. Case Number: 2014-18419 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2014), for being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice, a licensee's profession.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Nursing enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

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SIGNED this 27th day of ______, 2016.

JOHN H. ARMSTRONG, MD, FACS State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health

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PCP: January 26, 2016 PCP Members: Gordon & Kemp

FILED Department Of Health Deputy Clerk CLERK Angel Sanders DATE JAN 2 8 2016

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested.

A request or petition for an administrative hearing must be in writing and must be received by the Department within 21 days from the day Respondent received the Administrative Complaint, pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(2), Florida Administrative Code. If Respondent fails to request a hearing within 21 days of receipt of this Administrative Complaint, Respondent waives the right to request a hearing on the facts alleged in this Administrative Complaint pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4), Florida Administrative Code. Any request for an administrative proceeding to challenge or contest the material facts or charges contained in the Administrative Complaint must conform to Rule 28-106.2015(5), Florida Administrative Code.

Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available to resolve this Administrative Complaint.

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, the Board shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a disciplinary matter, which may include attorney hours and costs, on the Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed.

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ELECTION OF RIGHTS

Please sign and complete all of the information below:

I received the Administrative Complaint on the following date:

PLEASE SELECT ONLY 1 OF THE 2 OPTIONS.

OPTION 1._____ I <u>do not</u> dispute the allegations of material fact in the Administrative Complaint. I request a hearing be conducted pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, where I will be permitted to appear, if I so choose, and submit oral and/or written evidence in mitigation of the complaint to the Board.

OPTION 2. I do dispute the allegations of material fact contained in the Administrative Complaint and request this to be considered a petition for formal hearing, pursuant to Sections 120.569(2)(a) and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, before an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the Division of Administrative Hearings. Pursuant to the requirement of Uniform Rule 28-106.2015(5), Florida Administrative Code, I specifically dispute the following material facts (identified by paragraph number and fact disputed) in the Administrative Complaint:

In the event that you fail to make an election in this matter within twenty-one (21) days from receipt of the Administrative Complaint, your failure to do so may be considered a waiver of your right to elect a hearing in this matter, pursuant to Rule 28-106.111(4), Florida Administrative Code, and the Board may proceed to hear your case.

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<u>PLEASE NOTE</u>: Regardless of which option you choose, you may be able to reach a settlement agreement with the Department in your case. Please contact the prosecuting attorney if you wish to do so.

Respondent's Signature Address:	Attorney/Qualified Representative* Address:
Lic. Not	Phone No.:
Phone No.:Fax No.:	Fax No.*
Email:	Email:
STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF	*Qualified Representatives must file written requests to appear as such pursuant to Rule 28-106.106, Uniform Rules of Procedure.
Before me, personally appeared	, whose identity is known to me or produced knowledges that his/her signature appears above.
Sworn to or affirmed by Affiant before me this day of	<u>* .</u>
Notary Public-State of Florida	My Commission Expires
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PLEASE MAIL AND/OR FAX COMPLETED FORM TO: Natalia S. Cypress Way, Bin C-65, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265. Telephone Ni	Thomas, Assistant General Counsel, DOH, Prosecution Services Unit, 4052 Bald umber: (850) 245-4444 ext. [8218]; FAX (850) 245-4662; TDD 1-800-955-8771
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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

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CASE NO. 2014-18419

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8. The Respondent waives the right to seek any attorney's fees or costs from the Department in connection with this disciplinary proceeding.

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WHEREFORE, the parties hereto request the Board enter a Final Order accepting and implementing the terms of the Settlement Agreement contained herein.

(Signatures follow on next page.)

SIGNED this _____ day of ______, 201___.

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF ______ Before me personally appeared ______ whose identity is known to be by ______ (type of identification), and who under oath, acknowledges that his/her signature appears above. Sworn to and subscribed by Respondent before me this _____ day of ______ 201__.

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

V.

CASE NO. 2014-18419

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

VOLUNTARY RELINQUISHMENT OF LICENSE

Respondent, **JOLEEN KENNEDY**, **C.N.A.**, license number **81172**, hereby voluntarily relinquishes Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Florida and states as follows:

1. Respondent's purpose in executing this Voluntary Relinquishment is to avoid further administrative action with respect to this case. Respondent understands that acceptance by the Board of Nursing (hereinafter the Board) of this Voluntary Relinquishment shall be construed as disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Section 456.072(1)(f), Florida Statutes. As with any disciplinary action, this relinquishment will be reported to the National Practitioner's Data Bank. Licensing authorities in other states may impose discipline in their jurisdiction based on discipline taken in Florida. 2. Respondent agrees to voluntarily cease practicing nursing immediately upon executing this Voluntary Relinquishment. Respondent further agrees to refrain from the practice of nursing until such time as this Voluntary Relinquishment is presented to the Board and the Board issues a written Final Order in this matter.

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4. Upon the Board's acceptance of this Voluntary Relinquishment, Respondent agrees to waive all rights to seek judicial review, or to otherwise challenge or contest the validity of this Voluntary Relinquishment and of the Final Order of the Board incorporating this Voluntary Relinquishment.

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SIGNED this _____ day of ______, 201___.

JOLEEN KENNEDY, C.N.A.

Notary Public My Commission Expires:

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STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING

BOARD	Nursing
CASE NUMBER:	2015-20369
COMPLAINT MADE BY:	DOH/CSU
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	October 19, 2015
SUBJECT:	Trenice Mulcahy, C.N.A. 1155 North Court Tenay Pauy Apartment B 240 Merritt Island, Florida 32953
SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY:	Pro Se
INVESTIGATED BY:	Diane Bates CSU

REVIEWED BY:

Mary S. Miller Assistant General Counsel

RECOMMENDATION:

4097 Reconsideration

CLOSING ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION

THE COMPLAINT: The Complaint alleged that Subject violated Section 464.204(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2015), by intentionally violating Section 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2015), by being convicted, or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of a licensee's profession, or the ability to practice a licensee's profession.

THE FACTS: On August 27, 2015, the Subject entered a plea of nolo contendere to one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a crime

which relates to the practice of, or ability to practice the Subject's profession of nursing assistance. On March 22, 2016, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint against the Subject's license alleging the Subject violated Section 464.204(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2015), by intentionally violating Section 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2015).

The Subject died on April 13, 2016. The Subject's death certificate information is included in the Department's investigative file.

THE LAW: This case has been closed because the Subject is deceased.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that this matter be, and same is hereby, DISMISSED.

DONE AND ORDERED this _____ day of _____ 2016.

CHAIRPERSON, PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL BOARD OF NURSING

/MSM

PCP: PCP Members:

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

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Case No.: 2015-20369

TRENICE D. MULCAHY, C.N.A.,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Nursing against Respondent, Trenice D. Mulcahy, C.N.A., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of nursing assistance pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 464, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was a certified nursing assistant (C.N.A.) within the state of Florida, having been issued license number CNA 304565.

3. Respondent's address of record is 1155 North Court Tenay Pauy, Apartment B 240, Merritt Island, Florida 32953. 4. On July 1, 2015, Respondent was arrested by an officer from the Palm Bay Police Department for one count of Possession of Cannabis, Less Than 20 Grams.

5. On July 16, 2015, in the County Court for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Brevard County, Florida, in case no. 05-2015-MM-032939-AXXX-XX, Respondent was charged with one count of Possession of Cannabis, Less Than 20 Grams, a first degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 893.13(6), Florida Statutes.

6. On August 27, 2015, in the County Court for the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Brevard County, Florida, in case no. 05-2015-MM-032939-AXXX-XX, Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a first degree misdemeanor, in violation of Section 893.147(1), Florida Statutes.

7. Certified Nursing Assistants often have access to patients' medications and finances as part of their duties. Respondent's plea of nolo contendere to Possession of Drug Paraphernalia relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice Respondent's profession: nursing assistance.

8. Section 464.204(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2015), makes it a violation of the Nurse Practice Act for a C.N.A. to intentionally violate any

provision of Chapter 464, Chapter 456, or the rules adopted by the Board of Nursing.

9. Section 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2015), provides that being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of a licensee's profession, or to the ability to practice a licensee's profession, constitutes grounds for disciplinary action.

10. As set forth above, on August 27, 2015, in the County Court for Eighteenth Judicial Circuit, in and for Brevard County, Florida, Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to one count of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, a crime that relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice her profession: nursing assistance.

11. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 464.204(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2015), by intentionally violating Section 456.072(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2015), by being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which relates to the practice of, or the ability to practice, a licensee's profession.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Nursing enter an Order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this <u>22</u>	_day of, 2016.
	Celeste Philip, MD, MPH Interim State Surgeon General
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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested.

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STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING

BOARD:

CASE NUMBER:

COMPLAINT MADE BY:

Nursing

2014-05110

April 3, 2014

Holmes Regional Medical Center Attn.: Susan Stehman 1350 South Hickory Street Melbourne, Florida 32901

DATE OF COMPLAINT:

RESPONDENT:

RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY

Melbourne, Florida 32934 Maurice Arcadier

Eve Lorraine Soyka, RN

3937 Saint Armens Circle

Arcadier & Associates, PA 2815 W. New Haven Ave., Ste. 304 Melbourne, Florida 32904

Jeannette Cassano Orlando ISU

> Ann L. Prescott Assistant General Counsel

RECOMMENDATION:

INVESTIGATED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

Reconsideration

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CLOSING ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION

THE COMPLAINT: The Complaint alleged Subject violated Section 464.018(1)(j), Florida Statutes (2013), for being unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of

alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

THE FACTS: On or about February 13, 2014, Subject was terminated from her employment at Holmes Regional Medical Center under allegations of theft, diversion, and/or impairment. Subject submitted to a reasonable cause drug screen at that time, which returned negative.

On or about June 18, 2014, Subject submitted to a Departmentordered mental and physical evaluation. The evaluator opined that Subject was not safe to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety. Based on this evaluation, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint against Subject's license on August 12, 2015, alleging that Subject was unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

However, Subject voluntarily submitted to an additional evaluation, on or about December 19, 2014, in which the evaluator opined that Subject was not impaired, and was able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

In light of the conflicting expert opinions available in this matter, and the age of each opinion, it is recommended that this case be closed, as the Department may be unable to meet its evidentiary burden if the matter goes to a formal hearing. The Panel therefore directs this case be dismissed.

LAW: There was sufficient evidence for the Panel to have found probable cause. However, based on the above facts, the Department, pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.43(3), Florida Statutes, has determined that there is insufficient evidence to support the continued prosecution of the allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint. Therefore, pursuant to Section 456.073(2), Florida Statutes, this case is hereby DISMISSED.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that this matter be, and same is hereby, DISMISSED.

DONE AND ORDERED this _____ day of _____ 2016.

CHAIRPERSON, PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL BOARD OF NURSING

Department of Health v. Eve Lorraine Soyka, RN Case Number 2014-05110

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

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CASE NO. 2014-05110

EVE LORRAINE SOYKA, R.N.,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Nursing against Respondent, Eve Lorraine Soyka, R.N., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of nursing pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 464, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Administrative Complaint, Respondent was a registered nurse (R.N.) within the state of Florida, having been issued license number RN 3399422.

3. Respondent's address of record is 3937 Saint Armens Circle, Melbourne, Florida 32934.

4. Section 464.018(1)(j), Florida Statutes (2013), states in pertinent part, "the department shall have, upon a finding of the State Surgeon General or the State Surgeon General's designee that probable cause exists to believe that the licensee is unable to practice nursing because of the reasons stated in this paragraph, the authority to issue an order to compel a licensee to submit to a mental or physical examination by physicians designated by the department."

5. On or about May 2, 2014, the Department issued an Order Compelling An Examination, ordering Respondent to be evaluated by Dr. T.J., M.D., on June 17, 2014.

6. On or about June 17, 2014, Respondent submitted to a mental and physical examination by Dr. T.J., a physician, Board Certified in addiction medicine.

7. Dr. T.J. opined that Respondent is not presently safe to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

8. Section 464.018(1)(j), Florida Statutes (2013), subjects a licensee to discipline, including suspension, for being unable to practice

nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

9. As set forth above, Respondent cannot practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety according to an evaluation by a physician Board Certified in addiction medicine.

10. Based on the foregoing, Respondent has violated Section 464.018(1)(j), Florida Statutes (2013), by being unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or chemicals or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

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SIGNED this _____ day of ______ , 2015. John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Lucas L. May Assistant General Counsel **DOH Prosecution Services Unit** 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-65 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265 Florida Bar No.: 0102747 (850) 245-4444 ext. 8242 Telephone (850) 245 - 4683 Facsimile Lucas.May@flhealth.gov /LLM PCP: August 11, 2015 PCP Members: Jessie Colin PhD, RN & Anna Hubbard, ARNP

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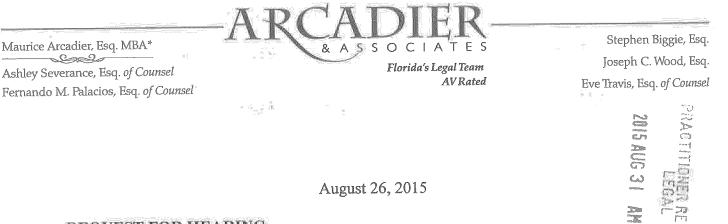
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REQUEST FOR HEARING

VIA EMAIL (Lucas.May@flhealth.gov), FAX (850) 245-4683, and REGULAR U.S MAIL

Re: Department of Health v. Eve Lorraine Soyka, RN Case No: 2014-05110 Date of Receipt: August 17, 2015

Dear Mr. May:

Pursuant to rule 28-106.2015(5), Ms. Eve Lorraine Soyka requests a hearing to be conducted pursuant to Florida Law.

Ms Soyka will be represented by Arcadier and Associates through attorney Maurice Arcadier

Ms. Soyka and Mr. Arcadier can be reached and served as follows:

c/o Arcadier and Associates 2815 W. New Haven, #304 Melbourne, Florida 32904 Tel: 321-953-5998 Fax: 321-953-6075 email: arcadier@wamalaw.com

Statement of Facts in Dispute:

The Department of Health has pursued Ms. Soyka with meritless and frivolous allegations. Initially, Ms. Soyka was being investigated by the Department based on unsupported preposterous allegations from her prior employer who sought to retaliate against Ms. Soyka for asserting her unpaid overtime rights. Ms. Soyka sought her unpaid wage claims against HealthFirst. These unpaid wage claims have now been resolved through a confidential settlement agreement with HealthFirst.

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After the preposterous and frivolous claims of drug use were all disproved, the Department of Health devised a new theory to go after Ms. Soyka. The Department hired a biased medical doctor to render a medical report that alleged Ms. Soyka was not fit for duty.

Ms. Soyka then sought from a neutral, renown board certified doctor, a medical report as to her fitness of duty to be a nurse, which of course, confirmed that Ms. Soyka was and is fit for duty.

This report was timely provided to the Department of Health.

As such, the following paragraphs from the Administrative Complaint, are denied:

#3, #4, #5, #6, #7, #9, #10.

Finally, the letter of August 13, 2015 drafted by Mr. Kay, references an election of rights form. The package received did not contain this election of rights form. As such, to the extent a form needs to be sent, it is requested that the Department of Health send the appropriate form(s) to the undersigned.

Sincerely Maurice Arcadier For Respondent, Eve Soyka



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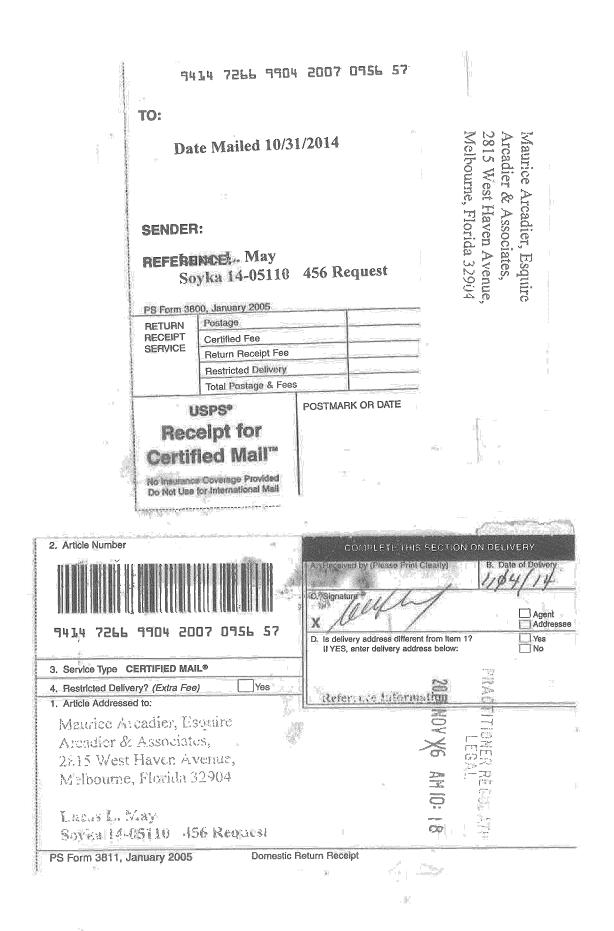
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John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS State Surgeon General & Secretary

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October 29, 2014

Maurice Arcadier, Esquire Arcadier & Associates, 2815 West Haven Avenue, Melbourne, Florida 32904 Certified Article Number SENDERS RECORD SENDERS RECORD

Re: Complaint No.: 2014-05110 Respondent: Eve Lorraine Soyka, R.N.

Dear Mr. Arcadier:

Pursuant to Section 456.073(10), Florida Statutes, enclosed is a copy of the Department's complete investigative file in this matter. Section 456.073(10), Florida Statutes provides in part:

... Upon completion of the investigation and a recommendation by the department to find probable cause, and pursuant to a written request by the subject or the subject's attorney, the department shall provide the subject an opportunity to inspect the investigative file or, at the subject's expense, forward to the subject a copy of the investigative file. Notwithstanding s. 456.057, the subject may inspect or receive a copy of any expert witness report or patient record connected with the investigation if the subject agrees in writing to maintain the confidentiality of any information received under this subsection until 10 days after probable cause is found and to maintain the confidentiality of patient records pursuant to s. 456.057...

Also enclosed is an invoice for copying charges. Please send a copy of the invoice, along with payment, to the Department of Health, Finance and Accounting, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, B-01. Finally, when opening your disc you will be prompted to enter a password. The password to be entered is: **456**

If you have any questions, please call me at (850) 245-4444 extension 8242.

Respectfully, Ľucas L. Mav Assistant General Counsel

LLM/pb Enclosures:

Invoice **# MQPR15-199** Investigative File **#2014-05110**

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I, <u>EVENCIA</u>, am the Subject of an investigation by the Department of Health. As the Subject of such an investigation, I am entitled to inspect or receive a copy of the investigative report, including any expert witness report or patient records connected with the investigation pursuant to Section 456.073(10), Florida Statutes, if I agree in writing to maintain the confidentiality of any information received under this provision, until 10 days after probable cause is found and to maintain the confidentiality of patient records pursuant to Section 456.057, Florida Statutes.

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SIGNED this 10th day of OCIDDEr 2014.

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SIGNED this 17 day of Oclober, 2014

Maurice Arcadier, Esq. MBA ON BEHALF OF Eve Soyka, R.N. Counsel of Record 2014-05110

STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING

BOARD:	Nursing
CASE NUMBER:	2015-23363
COMPLAINT MADE BY:	IPN PO Box 46130 Jacksonville, Florida 32240
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	August 18, 2015
RESPONDENT:	Robert Phillip Turner, RN 10140 SE 68 th Court Belleview, Florida 34420
RESPONDENT'S ATTORNEY	Joanne Kenna The Health Law Firm 1101 Douglas Ave. Altamonte Springs, Florida 32714
INVESTIGATED BY:	Tamra Doke Alachua ISU
REVIEWED BY:	Ann L. Prescott Assistant General Counsel
RECOMMENDATION:	4097

CLOSING ORDER ON RECONSIDERATION

Reconsideration

THE COMPLAINT: The Complaint alleged Subject violated Section 464.018(1)(j), Florida Statutes (2015), for being unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or chemicals, or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

THE FACTS: On or about June 6, 2015, Respondent submitted to an employer-ordered drug screen, which returned positive for marijuana metabolites. On or about July 14, 2015, Respondent submitted to a Department-ordered mental and physical evaluation. The evaluator opined that Respondent was not able to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety. Based on this, the Department filed an Administrative Complaint against Respondent's license on February 11, 2016, alleging that Respondent tested positive on an employer-ordered drug screen and also was unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety.

However, Respondent has since signed a monitoring contract with the Intervention Project for Nurses (IPN), with a projected active monitoring period of December 10, 2015, through December 9, 2020. As of April 19, 2016, Respondent is compliant with this contract.

In light of Respondent's compliance with the terms of IPN monitoring, the Panel directs this case be dismissed.

LAW: There was sufficient evidence for the Panel to have found probable cause. However, based on the above facts, the Department, pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.43(3), Florida Statutes, has determined that there is insufficient evidence to support the continued prosecution of the allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint. Therefore, pursuant to Section 456.073(2), Florida Statutes, this case is hereby DISMISSED.

It is, therefore, ORDERED that this matter be, and same is hereby, DISMISSED.

DONE AND ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

CHAIRPERSON, PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL BOARD OF NURSING

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

v.

CASE NO. 2015-23363

ROBERT PHILLIP TURNER, R.N.,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health (Department), by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Nursing against Respondent, Robert Phillip Turner, R.N., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of nursing pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 464, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Complaint, Respondent was a registered nurse (R.N.) within the state of Florida, having been issued license number RN 9335619.

3. Respondent's address of record is 10140 Southeast 68th Court, Belleview, Florida 34420.

4. At all times material to this Administrative Complaint, Respondent was employed as a registered nurse by Ocala Health.

5. On or about June 6, 2015, Respondent submitted to an employer-ordered drug screen.

6. Section 112.0455(5)(a), Florida Statutes (2014), provides that "Drug" means alcohol, including distilled spirits, wine, malt beverages, and intoxicating liquors; amphetamines; cannabinoids; cocaine; phencyclidine (PCP); hallucinogens; methaqualone; opiates; barbiturates; benzodiazepines; synthetic narcotics; designer drugs; or a metabolite of any of the substances listed herein.

7. On or about June 10, 2015, Respondent tested positive for marijuana metabolites, a drug listed in Section 112.0455(5)(a), Florida Statutes (2014), on a confirmed employer-ordered drug screen.

8. Marijuana is a colloquial term for cannabis, which contains cannabinoids. According to Section 893.03(1), Florida Statutes, cannabis is a Schedule I controlled substance that has a high potential for abuse and has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in Florida. The term

does not include "low-THC cannabis," as defined in Section 381.986, Florida Statutes, if manufactured, possessed, sold, purchased, delivered, distributed, or dispensed, in conformance with Section 381.986, Florida Statutes.

9. Respondent failed to provide a lawful prescription and legitimate medical reason for using marijuana.

10. On or about July 14, 2015, Respondent submitted to a mental and physical examination conducted by J.S., M.D., a board certified specialist in psychiatry and addiction psychiatry.

11. On or about July 14, 2015, Dr. J.S. opined that Respondent does not have reasonable skill and safety to return to the practice of nursing.

<u>COUNT I</u>

12. Petitioner realleges and incorporates paragraphs one through eleven as if fully set forth herein.

13. Section 456.072(1)(aa), Florida Statutes (2014), subjects a licensee to discipline for testing positive for any drug, as defined in Section 112.0455, Florida Statutes (2014), on any confirmed pre-employment or employer-ordered drug screening when the practitioner does not have a lawful prescription and legitimate medical reason for using the drug.

14. As set forth above, Respondent tested positive for marijuana, on an employer-ordered confirmed drug screen. Respondent dld not provide a lawful prescription for marijuana, and he did not have a legitimate medical reason for using marijuana.

15. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 456.072(1)(aa), Florida Statutes (2014), which subjects a licensee to discipline for testing positive for any drug, as defined in Section 112.0455, Florida Statutes (2014), on any confirmed pre-employment or employer-ordered drug screening when the practitioner does not have a lawful prescription and legitimate medical reason for using the drug.

COUNT II

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18. As set forth above, Respondent is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety. In a recent evaluation, Dr. J.S. opined that Respondent does not have reasonable skill and safety to return to the practice of nursing.

19. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 464.018(1)(j), Florida Statutes (2015), by being unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness or use of alcohol, drugs, narcotics, or chemicals or any other type of material or as a result of any mental or physical condition.

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SIGNED this 10th day of tebruary , 2016.

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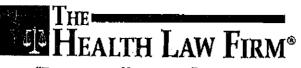
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March 14, 2016

VIA TELEFAX AND CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURN RECEIPT

Judson Searcy, Esquire Department of Health 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-65 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265 Telefax: (850) 245-4662

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Re: <u>Department of Health v. Robert Phillip Turner, R.N.</u> DOH Case No.: 2015-23363; Our File No.: 2014/001 SUBMISSION OF EXECUTED ELECTION OF RIGHTS

Dear Mr. Searcy:

As you know, The Health Law Firm is representing Robert Turner, R.N., in the abovereferenced matter. Enclosed is the Election of Rights form that has been executed by Mr. Turner making an election for a formal hearing before an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the Division of Administrative Hearings.

Sincerely,

THE HEALTH LAW FIRM, by: OANNE KENNA

cc: Robert Turner, R.N.

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ELECTION OF RIGHTS

Please sign and complete all of the information below:

I received the Administrative Complaint on the following date: 2/25/2016

PLEASE SELECT ONLY 1 OF THE 2 OPTIONS.

OPTION 1. <u>I do not</u> dispute the allegations of material fact in the Administrative Complaint. I request a hearing be conducted pursuant to Section 120.57(2), Florida Statutes, where I will be permitted to appear, if I so choose, and submit oral and/or written evidence in mitigation of the complaint to the Board.

OPTION 2. X is do dispute the allegations of material fact contained in the Administrative Complaint and request this to be considered a petition for formal hearing, pursuant to Sections 120.569(2)(a) and 120.57(1), Florida Statutes, before an Administrative Law Judge appointed by the Division of Administrative Hearings. Pursuant to the requirement of Uniform Rule 28-106.2015(5), Florida Administrative Code, I specifically dispute the following material facts (identified by paragraph number and fact disputed) in the Administrative Complaint:

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DOH v. Robert Turner, RN

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Date: <u>March 14, 2016</u>

TO: Judson Searcy, Esquire, Assistant General Counsel

Organization: Florida Department of Health

Our File No.: 2014/001

Case/Re: <u>DOH y. Robert P. Turner, R.N.</u> DOH Case No.: 2015-23363

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Remarks: <u>Please see the attached letter dated March 14, 2016, regarding waiver of time for case</u> transfer to DOAH.

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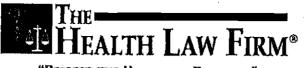
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Judson Searcy, Esquire Department of Health 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-65 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265 Telefax: (850) 245-4662

Re: <u>Department of Health v. Robert Phillip Turner, R.N.</u> DOH Case No.: 2015-23363; Our File No.: 2014/001 WAIVER OF TIME FOR CASE TRANSFER TO DOAH

Dear Mr. Searcy:

Under separate cover on this date, I have submitted an Election of Rights form electing a hearing before the Division of Administrative Hearings (DOAH) in this matter. It is my understanding you are arranging for this case to be taken back to the Probable Cause Panel given that Mr. Turner was under an Intervention Project for Nurses (IPN) contract at the time this case was considered by the Probable Cause Panel.

Given my understanding of the plan for this case, Mr. Turner agrees to waive the 45-day requirement for the Department of Health's (DOH) transfer of this case to DOAH.

If my understanding regarding the plan for this case is incorrect, please let me know. Also, do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if there is additional information I can provide you.

Mar. 14. 2016 3:07PM

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Judson Searcy, Esquire Department of Health March 14, 2016 - Page 2 -

Thank you for your cooperation and your assistance.

Sincerely,

THE HEALTH LAW FIRM, by:

JOANNE KENNA

cc: Robert Turner, R.N.

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STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING

BOARD:

CASE NUMBER:

COMPLAINT MADE BY:

DATE OF COMPLAINT:

SUBJECT:

Board of Nursing

2015-02491

DOH/CSU

Pro Se

CSU

January 22, 2015

Patricia Lynn McCoy, R.N. P.O. Box 95 Jonancy, KY 41538

SUBJECT'S ATTORNEY:

INVESTIGATED BY:

REVIEWED BY:

Mary S. Miller Assistant General Counsel

Antoinette F. Carter

RECOMMENDATION:

Reconsideration (4097) Null & Void

RECONSIDERATION / CLOSING ORDER

THE COMPLAINT: The complaint alleges the Subject violated Section 464.018(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), by having a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against.

THE FACTS: On January 8, 2015, the Kentucky Board of Nursing acted against the Subject's Kentucky nursing license by reprimanding the Subject's Kentucky nursing license, required the Subject to pay an administrative fine and complete continuing education courses. An Administrative Complaint was filed against the Subject's Florida nursing license on September 18, 2015. Since the filing of the Administrative Complaint but before the Subject was served with the Administrative

Complaint, the Department discovered that the Subject's license expired on April 30, 2014 and the Subject's license became <u>NULL AND VOID</u> on May 3, 2016.

THE LAW: It was revealed that Subject's license expired on April 30, 2014, and the Subject's license became <u>NULL AND VOID</u> on May 3, 2016.

The Department and the Probable Cause Panel have determined that based upon the Subject's license being null and void, this case should be dismissed without further prosecution. Should Subject re-apply, the allegations addressed in this case shall be addressed before a new license will be issued by the Board of Nursing.

It is, therefore ordered that this matter be, and same is hereby: DISMISSED.

DONE AND ORDERED this _____ day of _____ 2016.

CHAIR, PROBABLE CAUSE PANEL BOARD OF NURSING

/MSM

PCP: PCP Members:

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

v.

CASE NO. 2015-02491

PATRICIA MCCOY, R.N.,

RESPONDENT.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Administrative Complaint before the Board of Nursing against Respondent, Patricia McCoy, R.N., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of nursing pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 464, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Administrative Complaint, Respondent was a licensed registered nurse within the state of Florida, having been issued license number RN 3065052.

3. Respondent's address of record is Post Office Box 95, Jonancy, Kentucky 41538.

4. The Kentucky Board of Nursing is the licensing authority for nurses in the state of Kentucky.

5. Respondent's Kentucky nursing license is license number 1105594.

6. On or about January 8, 2015, the Kentucky Board of Nursing entered an Order, whereby Respondent's Kentucky nursing license was reprimanded, and Respondent was required to pay a fine of \$1,500 and complete a total of ninety (90) continuing education credits.

7. Section 464.018(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), provides that having a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state, territory, or country constitutes grounds for disciplinary action.

8. Respondent had a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state, territory, or

country, when on or about on or about January 8, 2015, the Kentucky Board of Nursing entered an Order, disciplining Respondent's license by reprimanding Respondent's license as well as imposing a fine and requiring further continuing education.

9. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 464.018(1)(b), Florida Statutes (2014), by having a license to practice nursing revoked, suspended, or otherwise acted against, including the denial of licensure, by the licensing authority of another state, territory, or country.

WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Nursing enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties: permanent revocation or suspension of Respondent's license, restriction of practice, imposition of an administrative fine, issuance of a reprimand, placement of the Respondent on probation, corrective action, refund of fees billed or collected, remedial education and/or any other relief that the Board deems appropriate.

SIGNED this 8 day of September 2015. John H. Armstrong, MD, FACS State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Lucas May Assistant General Counsel DOH Prosecution Services Unit 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-65 Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3265 Florida Bar No.: 0102747 (850) 245 - 4444 ext. 8242 Telephone (850) 245 - 4662 Facsimile Lucas.May@flhealth.gov /LLM

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NOTICE OF RIGHTS

Respondent has the right to request a hearing to be conducted in accordance with Section 120.569 and 120.57, Florida Statutes, to be represented by counsel or other qualified representative, to present evidence and argument, to call and cross-examine witnesses and to have subpoena and subpoena duces tecum issued on his or her behalf if a hearing is requested.

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Mediation under Section 120.573, Florida Statutes, is not available to resolve this Administrative Complaint.

NOTICE REGARDING ASSESSMENT OF COSTS

Respondent is placed on notice that Petitioner has incurred costs related to the investigation and prosecution of this matter. Pursuant to Section 456.072(4), Florida Statutes, the Board shall assess costs related to the investigation and prosecution of a disciplinary matter, which may include attorney hours and costs, on the Respondent in addition to any other discipline imposed.

STATE OF FLORIDA BOARD OF NURSING

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH,

PETITIONER,

V.

CASE NO. 2016-07930

ROMAN S. STRELKOV, R.N.,

RESPONDENT.

AMENDED ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

COMES NOW, Petitioner, Department of Health, by and through its undersigned counsel, and files this Amended Administrative Complaint before the Board of Nursing against Respondent, Roman S. Strelkov, R.N., and in support thereof alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating the practice of nursing pursuant to Section 20.43, Florida Statutes; Chapter 456, Florida Statutes; and Chapter 464, Florida Statutes.

2. At all times material to this Administrative Complaint, Respondent was a registered nurse (RN) within the state of Florida, having been issued license number RN 9381249. 3. Respondent's address of record is 423 Fletcher Street, Port Charlotte, Florida 33954.

4. On or about August 10, 2015, in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida, Respondent entered a plea of guilty to two counts of larceny grand theft of a controlled substance, a third-degree felony, in violation of Section 812.014, Florida Statutes; a plea of nolo contendere to one count of narcotic equipment possession and/or use, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 893.147, Florida Statutes; and a plea of nolo contendere to one count of larceny petit theft, a seconddegree misdemeanor in violation of Section 812.014, Florida Statutes.

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6. Respondent failed to report the above pleas to the Board in writing to the board within 30 days after Respondent entered the plea.

COUNT I

7. Petitioner reallages and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through six (6) as if fully set forth herein.

8. Section 464.018(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2015), provides that being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of nursing or the ability to practice nursing constitutes grounds for disciplinary action.

9. Respondent entered pleas of guilty and nolo contendere to crimes which directly relate to the practice of nursing or ability to practice nursing when, on or about August 10, 2015, in the Twelfth Judicial Circuit in and for Sarasota County, Florida, Respondent entered the above pleas to larceny grand theft of a controlled substance, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014, F.S.; narcotic equipment possession and/or use, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 893.147, F.S.; and

larceny petit theft, a second-degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 812.014, F.S.

10. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 464.018(1)(c), Florida Statutes (2015), by being convicted or found guilty of, or entering a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction which directly relates to the practice of nursing or the ability to practice nursing.

COUNT II

11. Petitioner reallages and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through six (6) as if fully set forth herein.

12. Section 456.072(1)(x), Florida Statutes (2015), provides that failing to report to the board, or the department if there is no board, in writing within thirty (30) days after the licensee has been convicted or found guilty of, or entered a plea of nolo contendere to, regardless of adjudication, a crime in any jurisdiction constitutes grounds for discipline.

13. Respondent failed to report to the Board, in writing, within 30 days of the date Respondent entered a plea of guilty to two counts of larceny grand theft of a controlled substance, a third-degree felony in violation of Section 812.014, Florida Statutes.

14. Respondent failed to report to the Board, in writing, within 30 days of the date Respondent entered a plea of nolo contendere to one count of narcotic equipment possession and/or use, a first-degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 893.147, Florida Statutes, and to one count of larceny petit theft, a second-degree misdemeanor in violation of Section 812.014, Florida Statutes.

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COUNT III

16. Petitioner reallages and incorporates paragraphs one (1) through six (6) as if fully set forth herein.

17. Section 464.018(1)(e), Florida Statutes (2015), provides that having been found guilty of, regardless of adjudication, or entered a plea of nolo contendere or guilty to, any offense prohibited under s. 435.04 or similar statute of another jurisdiction; or having committed an act which constitutes domestic violence as defined in s. 741.28, constitutes grounds for discipline.

18. Section 435.04(2)(cc), Florida Statutes (2015), lists violations of Chapter 812, relating to theft, robbery, and related crimes, if the offense is a felony.

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WHEREFORE, the Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board of Nursing enter an order imposing one or more of the following penalties:

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SIGNED this _____ day of _____, 2016.

Celeste Philip, MD, MPH Interim State Surgeon General

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PETITIONER,

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Celeste Philip, MD, MPH Interim State Surgeon General

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