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**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
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Brittany Dupar  
P.O. Box 352  
Simmesport, LA 71369

License #20130463

Dear Ms. Dupar:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning your arrest for attempted first degree murder for allegedly setting five fires at Bayou Chateau Nursing Home. On March 31, 2017, you were arrested and charged with two counts of attempted 1<sup>st</sup>-degree murder, five counts of aggravated arson of an inhabited dwelling and 70 counts of cruelty to a person with infirmity. Two fires were set on March 25<sup>th</sup> and two fires were set on March 26<sup>th</sup>. During the fire marshal's investigation, it was learned that the nursing home had another fire on November 10, 2016. Two of the five fires were to bedding while residents were in the bed. Another fire was set under a bathroom sink, one was elsewhere in a patient's room and the last fire was in the supply closet.

Louisiana Revised Statutes, 49:961 (C), in pertinent part, provides: "If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to the effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." LSA-R.S. 49:961(C).

The Board has determined that the allegations against you are sufficiently serious to **summarily suspend your LPN license**, in accordance with the above cited authority, and hereby, issues the following Order:

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that based on the information and/or record(s) obtained by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, and a finding "that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action", in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:961(C), the LPN license of the above named respondent, **Brittany Dupar**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.



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Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners  
M. Lynn Ansardi, RN, Executive Director

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**You must *immediately* cease and desist the practice of practical nursing and return your current practical nursing license to the Board office.**

The board will schedule your case for the next available formal hearing and will notify you by mail of the date and time. Moreover, the board will continue its investigation of the allegations against you, about which you will be notified by Formal Complaint, to determine if you are in violation of the following:


2. being guilty of a crime;
3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;
5. being mentally incompetent;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
  - a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;
  - b. failure to utilize appropriate judgment in administering nursing practice;
  - j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;
  - n. being convicted of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of the nurse to practice practical nursing with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding including, but not limited to, expungement or nonadjudication or pardon;
  - o. being guilty of moral turpitude;
  - r. possess a physical or psychological impairment which interferes with the judgment, skills or abilities required for the practice of practical nursing;
  - t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

**Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969, et. seq.**

Furthermore, you should immediately submit to our office a detailed narrative response to the allegations and include a history of your employment for the last five years.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

  
M. Lynn Ansard  
Executive Director

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