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September 21, 2017

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Philip Elias
33191 Perkins Rd.
Denham Springs, LA 70706

License #20100465

Dear Mr. Elias:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners (LSBPNE) has received information alleging that you have violated the law relating to the practice of practical nursing. A summary of the accusations being made against you is as follows:

The board received a report indicating that while working as a licensed practical nurse, you engaged in sexually inappropriate behavior with a 13 year old male patient who was in a "vegetative state." This information was reported to the local police department and Child Protective Services. It was also noted in the report received by the board, that at the age of 20, you experienced a coma after a fall due to a drug-induced hallucination.

The report also indicates that you have entered into treatment with Dr. Brandon P. Romano, Psy.D., and Doug White, LPC. However, in reviewing your past renewal applications submitted to the board, the board finds that you answered "no" to the question that asks:

"Since your last renewal have you been diagnosed with a medical, physical, mental, emotional, or psychiatric condition that might affect your ability to safely practice as a practical nurse?"

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).

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The Board has determined that the allegations against you are sufficiently serious to **summarily suspend your practical nursing 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, **Philip Elias, license #20100465**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.



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

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:

1. being guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice practical nursing;
2. being guilty of a crime;
3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;
4. being habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
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;
 - c. failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out nursing care;
 - i. falsifying records;
 - j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;

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- 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;
- p. inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;
- q. using or being under the influence of alcohol, while on duty, and/or while making application for employment, or using or being under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on duty, or using or being under the influence of illegal drugs whether on or off duty;
- 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 above allegations. The board also requests that you submit any/all treatment records from Doug White, LPC. Enclosed, you will find a Medical Release of Information Form. You are to complete the form, mail a copy to the board office and give a copy to your evaluator so that he/she can forward a copy of your evaluation to the board office.

The board also requires that you obtain both a State and F.B.I. criminal background record check. Information on how to obtain these records is enclosed.

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