

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN RE: VALERIE DAWN THOMAS, L.P.N.
License Number: 0002-083830
Case Number: 171761

CONSENT ORDER

JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Valerie Dawn Thomas, L.P.N., as evidenced by their signatures hereto, in lieu of proceeding to an informal conference, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Thomas's license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Valerie Dawn Thomas, L.P.N., was issued License Number 0002-083830 to practice practical nursing on November 30, 2010, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2018. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Thomas violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (6) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that during the course of her employment with Liberty Ridge Health and Rehab, Lynchburg, Virginia, on January 12, 2016, she diverted for her personal and unauthorized use a bubble pack containing approximately 18 oxycodone IR tablets.
3. Ms. Thomas' employment with Liberty Ridge was terminated on January 17, 2016, due to "poor work performance."
4. In an interview with an investigator for the Department of Health Professions on August 24, 2016, Ms. Thomas stated that she wanted to surrender her nursing license.

CONSENT

Valerie Dawn Thomas, L.P.N., by affixing her signature to this Consent Order, agrees to the following:

1. I have been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. I am fully aware that without my consent, no legal action can be taken against me or my license except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, Virginia Code § 2.2-4000 *et seq.*;
3. I acknowledge that I have the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact-finding conference before the Board; and the right to representation by counsel;
4. I waive my right to an informal conference;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waive my right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and any sanction imposed hereunder in any future judicial or administrative proceeding in which the Board is a party;
6. I consent to the entry of the following Order affecting my licensure to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

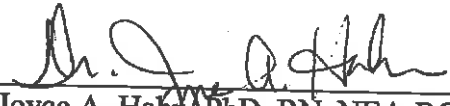
Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. The Board accepts the VOLUNTARY SURRENDER for INDEFINITE SUSPENSION of Valerie Dawn Thomas' license to practice practical nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. The license of Valerie Dawn Thomas, L.P.N., will be recorded as SUSPENDED.
3. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice practical nursing.
4. Should Valerie Dawn Thomas, L.P.N., seek reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding shall be convened to consider such application. At such time, the burden shall be on Ms. Thomas to demonstrate that she is safe and competent to return to the practice of

practical nursing. Ms. Thomas shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and/or renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

Pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD


Joyce A. Hahn, PhD, RN, NEA-BC, FNAP
President
Virginia Board of Nursing

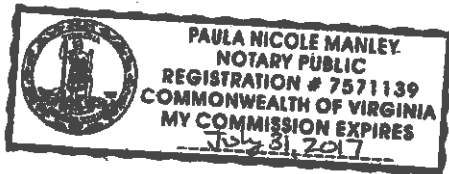
ENTERED: May 16, 2017


SEEN AND AGREED TO:


Valerie Dawn Thomas, L.P.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
COUNTY/CITY OF Lexington, TO WIT:


Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this 30th day of March, 2017.




Notary Public

My commission expires: July 31, 2017

Certified True Copy Registration No.: 757 1139

By 
Virginia Board Of Nursing