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BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN RE: **VALERIE SOTHCOTT DAVIS, R.N.**  
**License Number: 0001-244257**  
**Case Number: 170459**

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**CONSENT ORDER**

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**JURISDICTION AND PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

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

**FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Valerie Sothcott Davis, R.N. was issued License Number 0001-244257 to practice professional nursing on May 14, 2013, which is scheduled to expire on May 31, 2018. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. Ms. Davis violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(2), (5), and (8) and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(m) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing in that in August 2015, during the course of her employment with Carilion Clinic, Roanoke, Virginia, Ms. Davis sent a text message containing personal information about a patient's medical condition to a former co-worker who had participated in that patient's care. Although Ms. Davis did not identify the patient by name, she admitted that the former co-worker would be able to identify the patient based on the information contained in the text message.

3. Ms. Davis stated during the facility investigation that she occasionally contacted her former co-worker for clarification about clinical matters that she did not understand. She stated that the August 2015 incident was the only one containing enough information to identify a patient.

4. In a written statement to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions, Ms. Davis expressed remorse and took full responsibility for her actions. She stated she would use the experience to enhance her career as a professional nurse.

5. Ms. Davis' employment with Carilion Clinic was terminated for this incident in September 2015.

### CONSENT

Valerie Sothcott Davis, R.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; the right to representation by counsel; and the right to cross-examine witnesses against me;
4. I waive all right to an informal conference;
5. I admit to the Findings of Fact and Conclusion 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 right to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

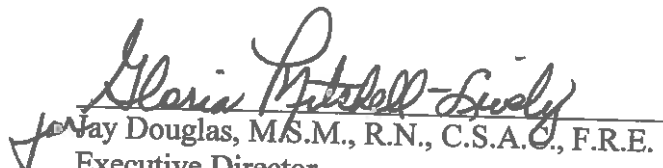
**ORDER**

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

1. Ms. Davis is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Valerie Sothcott Davis shall comply with all laws and regulations governing the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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

  
Jay Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: September 6, 2016

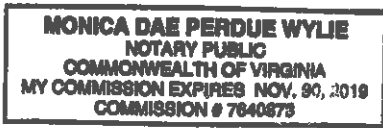
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SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Valerie J. Davis, RN  
Valerie Sothcott Davis, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public in and for the Commonwealth of Virginia at large, on this  
25 day of August, 2014.



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Notary Public

My commission expires:

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