

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:           CHRISTINA FORTNEY, C.N.A.**  
**Certificate No.: 1401-161357**

**ORDER**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on November 12, 2015 in Henrico County, Virginia. Ms. Fortney was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Nancy Durrett, R.N., M.S., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On January 27, 2016, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Fortney was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1.       Christina Fortney, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-161357 to practice as a certified nurse aide in Virginia on June 26, 2013. Ms. Fortney also holds a registration to practice as a medication aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Said certificate and registration are set to expire on June 30, 2016.

2.       By letter dated October 14, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Fortney notifying her that an informal conference would be held on November 12, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2851 Golden View Road, Glade Hill, Virginia, 24092, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. During the course of her employment with Trinity Mission of Rocky Mount, Rocky Mount, Virginia, on February 23, 2015, while accompanying a resident and her husband to an appointment at an orthopedic clinic, Ms. Fortney spoke inappropriately to the resident and her husband. Ms. Fortney was overheard in the waiting room of the clinic by another patient, insisting that the resident hurry up and be quiet.

4. The patient at the clinic reported the incident to clinic staff, who in turn reported the incident to Ms. Fortney's employer.

5. Ms. Fortney's employment with Trinity Mission of Rocky Mount was terminated on February 27, 2015, after less than two years of employment.

6. In a written statement to the facility and during the informal conference, Ms. Fortney denied that she was rude or that she spoke inappropriately to the resident or her husband.

7. Ms. Fortney is currently employed at Pheasant Ridge Health and Rehabilitation, Roanoke, Virginia. Ms. Fortney began her employment in July 2015. She stated that her employer is aware of the pending action before the Board of Nursing.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.

### ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

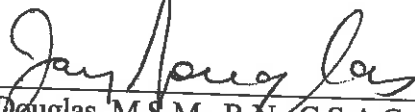
1. Christina Fortney, C.N.A., is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Fortney shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a certified nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

Pursuant to § 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, 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.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Fortney may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **March 8, 2016**, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE BOARD:

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

ENTERED: February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2016

This Order shall become final on March 8, 2016; unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

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By   
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Virginia Board Of Nursing