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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: VIRGINIA M. CHEATHAM, R.N.  
License No.: 0001-169248**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Virginia M. Cheatham, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Cheatham's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Virginia M. Cheatham, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-169248 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 13, 2000. Said license is set to expire on January 31, 2018. Her primary state of residence is Virginia.
2. During the course of her employment as a professional nurse at Bon Secours St. Mary's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, Ms. Cheatham photographed a patient's x-ray and, on March 27, 2015, sent the pictures of the x-ray to two individuals who were not authorized to have any information about the patient.
3. As a result of the incident, Ms. Cheatham's employment was terminated.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board concludes that finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2) and (5) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC-90-20-300(A)(2)(m) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing.

**CONSENT**

Virginia M. Cheatham, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

**ORDER**

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:


1. Virginia M. Cheatham, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.
2. Ms. Cheatham shall provide the Board with verification that she has completed the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (“NCSBN”) course “Ethics of Nursing Practice” within 90 days of the entry of this Order.

3. Ms. Cheatham shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

4. Any violation of the terms and conditions of this Order or of any law or regulation affecting the practice of professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia shall constitute grounds for the suspension or revocation of the license of Ms. Cheatham and an administrative proceeding shall be convened to determine whether such license shall be suspended or revoked.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 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 public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

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

ENTERED: January 27, 2016

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

  
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Virginia M. Cheatham, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Moody Shukrallah, a Notary Public, this 14<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY, 2016.

My commission expires ~~My Commission Expires~~ September 30, 2019.

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