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February 2, 2015

Karen Renee Cox
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CERTIFIED MAIL
DUPLICATE COPY
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL
DATE 2/2/15

RE: License No.: 0001-193618

Dear Ms. Cox:

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), you are hereby given notice that your license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered February 2, 2015. You are hereby advised that, pursuant to Section 54.1-2409.1 of the Code, any person who practices a profession or occupation after having their license or certificate to do so suspended shall be guilty of a felony. Please return your license to Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing, at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

Section 54.1-2409 of the Code further provides that you may apply to the Board of Nursing ("Board") for reinstatement of your license, and shall be entitled to a hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of sixty days from the receipt of such reinstatement application. You have the following rights, among others: to be represented by legal counsel, to have witnesses subpoenaed on your behalf, to present documentary evidence and to cross-examine adverse witnesses. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present of the Board of Nursing.

Should you wish to petition the Board of Nursing for reinstatement of your license, contact Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, at the above address or (804) 367-4599.

Sincerely,

Jaime H. Hoyle, Esquire, Chief Deputy Director
Department of Health Professions

cc: Michael J. Letsen, Esquire
Enclosures
Case # 158585

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

**IN RE: KAREN RENEE COX, R.N.
License No.: 0001-193618**

ORDER

In accordance with Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), I, Jaime H. Hoyle, Esquire, Chief Deputy Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that Karen Renee Cox, R.N., was convicted of a felony charge in the Circuit Court for the County of Russell, Virginia, to wit: One (1) Count of Embezzlement. A certified copy of the Conviction and Sentencing Order is attached to this Order and is marked as Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1.

WHEREFORE, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Karen Renee Cox, R.N., to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and hereby is, suspended.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Karen Renee Cox, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current. Should Ms. Cox seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

Pursuant to Sections 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 a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.



Jaime H. Hoyle, Esquire, Chief Deputy Director
Department of Health Professions

ENTERED: 2/2/2015



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CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, Jaime H. Hoyle, Esquire, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Conviction and Sentencing Order entered January 22, 2015, regarding Karen Renee Cox, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the Circuit Court for the County of Russell, Virginia.



Jaime H. Hoyle, Esquire

Date: 2/2/2015

CONVICTION AND SENTENCING ORDER

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF RUSSELL COUNTY

Hearing Date: 01-15-2015

Judge: Moore

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

VS. CASE NOS. CR14-17512, 17513, 17514, 17515, 17516, 17517, 17518

KAREN RENEE COX

This 15th day of January, 2015, came the defendant, Karen Renee Cox, age 53, and came also, Michael Letsen, her attorney. The Commonwealth was represented by Brian Patton.

Whereupon, the defendant was arraigned on the indictments and the accused entered pleas of Guilty to the following offenses: CR14-17512 – Obtain Drugs by Fraud, CR14-17513 – Obtain Drugs by Fraud, CR14-17514 – Obtain Drugs by Fraud, CR14-17515 – Possess Sch. II Drug, CR14-17516 – Possess Sch. II Drug, CR14-17517 – Possess Sch. II Drug and CR14-17518 – Embezzlement, which pleas were tendered by the accused in person and after being advised by the Court of her right to trial by jury, the defendant, in person, knowingly and voluntarily waived trial by jury, and with the concurrence of the Attorney for the Commonwealth and of the Court, and upon evidence being summarized on behalf of the Commonwealth (none being presented on behalf of the defendant), the Court accepts the pleas of Guilty of the defendant and finds there is sufficient evidence for a finding of GUILTY of the following offenses:

CASE NUMBER	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION AND INDICATOR (F/M)	OFFENSE DATE	CODE SECTION
CR14-17512	OBTAIN DRUGS BY FRAUD (F)	10-14-2013	18.2-258.1
CR14-17513	OBTAIN DRUGS BY FRAUD (F)	10-22-2013	18.2-258.1
CR14-17514	OBTAIN DRUGS BY FRAUD (F)	12-19-2013	18.2-258.1
CR14-17515	POSSESS SCH. II DRUG (F)	10-14-2013	18.2-250
CR14-17516	POSSESS SCH. II DRUG (F)	10-22-2013	18.2-250
CR14-17517	POSSESS SCH. II DRUG (F)	12-19-2013	18.2-250

The Attorney for the defendant moved the Court to take these matters under advisement for a term of 12 months and place the defendant on "First Offender Status", at which time if no addition problems have occurred these cases may be reduced/dismissed, and without objection thereto on behalf of the Attorney for the Commonwealth, the Court granted said motion.

The Court accepts the plea of Guilty of the defendant and finds the defendant GUILTY of the following offense:

CASE NUMBER	OFFENSE DESCRIPTION AND INDICATOR (F/M)	OFFENSE DATE	CODE SECTION
CR14-17518	EMBEZZLEMENT (F)	10-14-2013	18.2-111

Pursuant to the provisions of Virginia Code §19.2-298.01, the Court has considered and reviewed the applicable discretionary sentencing guidelines and the guidelines worksheets. The sentencing guidelines and the written explanation of any departure from the guidelines are Ordered filed as a part of the record.



Before pronouncing sentence, the Court inquired if the defendant desired to make a statement and if the defendant desired to advance any reason why judgment should not be pronounced.

The Court SENTENCES the defendant to: (in Case No. CR14-17518)

Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections for a term of 4 years.

The Court **SUSPENDS** a term of 3 years and 11 months of said sentence imposed, upon the following conditions:

GOOD BEHAVIOR: The defendant shall be of good behavior from this date until she has completed her term of incarceration and her term of probation which shall include a requirement of the defendant to submit to urine, blood or hair samples to be withdrawn from the person of the defendant to enforce this condition of good behavior.

WITHDRAWAL OF BLOOD SAMPLE: The defendant shall provide a sample of blood as directed by the Court upon conviction/sentencing in a felony matter, if not previously withdrawn from the person of the defendant.

SUPERVISED PROBATION: The defendant is placed on probation, under the supervision of a Probation Officer, for a term of 3 years in Case No. CR14-17518, and a term of 12 months in Case Nos. CR14-17512, CR14-17513, CR14-17514 and a term of 12 months in Case Nos. CR14-17515, CR14-17516 and CR14-17517, for a total probation term of 3 years and 24 months, or unless sooner released by the Court or by the Probation Officer. The defendant shall comply with all the rules and requirements set by the Probation Officer. Probation shall include substance abuse counseling and/or testing as prescribed by the Probation Officer, SWVCC Case Worker or substance abuse counselor. Additional requirement of probation is that the defendant shall pay the costs incurred by the Commonwealth in these cases and shall pay restitution, if any. With regard to Case Nos. CR14-17512, CR14-17513, CR14-17514, CR14-17515, CR14-17516 and CR14-17517, the defendant shall enter and complete any outpatient substance abuse assessment/counseling programs as Ordered by the Court or her Probation Officer; shall abstain completely from the use of drugs and alcohol; shall be subject to random drug/alcohol screenings and shall seek and/or maintain employment. Additionally, in Case Nos. CR14-17515, CR14-17516 and CR14-17517 the defendant shall complete 100 hours of community service work.

RESTITUTION: The defendant shall pay restitution in this matter to General Council in the amount of \$297.57.

OPERATOR'S LICENSE SUSPENSION: The operator's license of the defendant shall be suspended for a term of 6 months in each of said Case Nos. CR14-17512, CR14-17513, CR14-17514, CR14-17515, CR14-17516 and CR14-17517, for a total operator's license of 36 months. (The Attorney for the defendant moved the Court to allow the defendant a restricted operator's license, which motion the Court granted.)

LITTER PICK UP: As a special condition of probation, the defendant shall pick up trash and litter in a designated area of Russell County as assigned by his/her Probation Officer.

CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED: The defendant shall be given credit for time spent in confinement while awaiting trial, pursuant to Virginia Code §53.1-187.

The Attorney for the defendant moved the Court to defer the execution of said sentence imposed in Case No. CR14-17518, which motion the Court denied.

The Court certifies that at all times during the trial of these cases, the defendant was personally present and her attorney was likewise personally present and capably represented the defendant, and that the accused was advised of her right to file a petition for a writ of error as to said convictions and sentences.

The Clerk is hereby directed to mail an attested copy of this Order to counsel of record, if any.

The defendant is remanded to jail and shall report back to this Court on January 14, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. for final disposition in Case Nos. CR14-17512, CR14-17513, CR14-17514, CR14-17515, CR14-17516 and CR14-17517.

ENTER THIS ORDER this 22nd day of January, 2015.


Michael L. Moore, Judge

DEFENDANT'S IDENTIFICATION:

Karen Renee Cox
SSN:
DOB:
SEX: Female

SENTENCING SUMMARY:

TOTAL SENTENCE IMPOSED: 4 YEARS
TOTAL SENTENCE SUSPENDED: 3 YEARS, 11 MONTHS

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ANN S. McREYNOLDS, CLERK

M. Letsen