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Virginia Board of Nursing



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

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October 1, 2015

Chi-Man Ho 115 E. Broadway Avenue, Apt. #G204 San Gabriel, CA 91776

RE: License No.: 0001-194723

CERTIFIED MAIL

DUPLICATE COPY VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 10/1/15

Dear Mr. Ho:

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 October 1, 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.

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Enclosures BD OF NURSING Case # 169745 Sincerely,

David E. Brown, D.C., Director Department of Health Professions

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BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

IN RE:

CHI-MAN HO, R.N.

License No.: 0001-194723

ORDER

In accordance with Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), I,

David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted

upon evidence that the license of Chi-Man Ho, R.N., to practice nursing in the State of California was

revoked by a Decision and Order which was effective on June 13, 2014, said license has not been

reinstated. A certified copy of the Decision and 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 privilege of Chi-Man Ho,

R.N., to renew his license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and hereby is,

SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Chi-Man Ho, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and

no longer current. Should Mr. Ho seek reinstatement of his license pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of

the Code, he shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal

of his license prior to issuance of his 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.

David E. Brown, D.C., Director Department of Health Professions	_
ENTERED: 10/1/15	_



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CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Decision and Order effective June 13, 2014, regarding Chi-Man Ho, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the State of California, Board of Registered Nursing.

- Doch in	Date: 10/1/15
David E. Brown, D.C.	

BEFORE THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

CHI-MAN HO 115 East Broadway #G-204 San Gabriel, CA 91776

Registered Nurse License No. 656286 Public Health Nurse Certificate No. 70340

Respondent

Case No. 2013-1091

OAH No. 2013070091

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the Board of Registered Nursing, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in this matter.

This Decision shall become effective on June 13, 2014.

IT IS SO ORDERED May 15, 2014.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the documents on file in our office.

BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING

Louise R. Bailey, M. ED., RN **Executive Officer**

Raymond Mallel, President Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California

> **COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBIT**

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.1	Kamala D. Harris	
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3	Supervising Deputy Attorney General LINDA L. SUN	
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9	STATE OF (CALIFORNIA
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2013-1091
11	CHI-MAN HO	OAH No. 2013070091
12	115 East Broadway #G-204 San Gabriel, CA 91776	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND
13	Registered Nurse License No. 656286	DISCIPLINARY ORDER
14	Public Health Nurse Certificate No. 70340	_
15	Respondent.	t. =
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGE	REED by and between the parties to the above-
18	entitled proceedings that the following matters as	re true:
19	PAR	TIES
20	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Comp	plainant") is the Executive Officer of the Board
21	of Registered Nursing ("Board"). She brought th	is action solely in her official capacity and is
22	represented in this matter by Kamala D. Harris, A	attorney General of the State of California, by
23	Linda L. Sun, Deputy Attorney General.	
24	2. Respondent Chi-Man Ho ("Responde	ent") is representing himself in this proceeding
25	and has chosen not to exercise his right to be repr	esented by counsel.
25 26	and has chosen not to exercise his right to be repr	resented by counsel. d issued Registered Nurse License No. 656286
	and has chosen not to exercise his right to be repr	d issued Registered Nurse License No. 656286

4. On or about June 30, 2006, the Board issued Public Health Nurse Certificate No. 70340 to Respondent. The Public Health Nurse Certificate was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on August 31, 2014, unless renewed.

JURISDICTION

- 5. Accusation No. 2013-1091 was filed before the Board and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on May 20, 2013. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation.
- 6. A copy of Accusation No. 2013-1091 is attached as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 7. Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2013-1091. Respondent has also carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order.
- 8. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 9. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- 10. Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. 2013-1091.
- 11. Respondent agrees that his Registered Nurse License is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board's probationary terms as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

CONTINGENCY

- 12. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Board of Registered Nursing. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Registered Nursing may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 13. The parties understand and agree that Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile copies of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, including Portable Document Format (PDF) and facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 14. This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is intended by the parties to be an integrated writing representing the complete, final, and exclusive embodiment of their agreement. It supersedes any and all prior or contemporaneous agreements, understandings, discussions, negotiations, and commitments (written or oral). This Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order may not be altered, amended, modified, supplemented, or otherwise changed except by a writing executed by an authorized representative of each of the parties.
- 15. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Disciplinary Order:

DISCIPLINARY ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 656286 and Public Health Nurse Certificate No. 70340 issued to Respondent are revoked. However, the revocation is stayed and Respondent is placed on probation for three (3) years on the following terms and conditions.

Severability Clause. Each condition of probation contained herein is a separate and distinct condition. If any condition of this Order, or any application thereof, is declared unenforceable in whole, in part, or to any extent, the remainder of this Order, and all other applications thereof, shall not be affected. Each condition of this Order shall separately be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. Obey All Laws. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws. A full and detailed account of any and all violations of law shall be reported by Respondent to the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours of occurrence. To permit monitoring of compliance with this condition, Respondent shall submit completed fingerprint forms and fingerprint fees within 45 days of the effective date of the decision, unless previously submitted as part of the licensure application process.

Criminal Court Orders: If Respondent is under criminal court orders, including probation or parole, and the order is violated, this shall be deemed a violation of these probation conditions, and may result in the filing of an accusation and/or petition to revoke probation.

2. Comply with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall fully comply with the conditions of the Probation Program established by the Board and cooperate with representatives of the Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall inform the Board in writing within no more than 15 days of any address change and shall at all times maintain an active, current license status with the Board, including during any period of suspension.

Upon successful completion of probation, Respondent's license shall be fully restored.

- 3. Report in Person. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board or its designated representatives.
- 4. Residency, Practice, or Licensure Outside of State. Periods of residency or practice as a registered nurse outside of California shall not apply toward a reduction of this probation time period. Respondent's probation is tolled, if and when he resides outside of California. Respondent must provide written notice to the Board within 15 days of any change of residency or practice outside the state, and within 30 days prior to re-establishing residency or

returning to practice in this state.

Respondent shall provide a list of all states and territories where he has ever been licensed as a registered nurse, vocational nurse, or practical nurse. Respondent shall further provide information regarding the status of each license and any changes in such license status during the term of probation. Respondent shall inform the Board if he applies for or obtains a new nursing license during the term of probation.

5. Submit Written Reports. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall submit or cause to be submitted such written reports/declarations and verification of actions under penalty of perjury, as required by the Board. These reports/declarations shall contain statements relative to Respondent's compliance with all the conditions of the Board's Probation Program. Respondent shall immediately execute all release of information forms as may be required by the Board or its representatives.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to the nursing regulatory agency in every state and territory in which he has a registered nurse license.

6. Function as a Registered Nurse. Respondent, during the period of probation, shall engage in the practice of registered nursing in California for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

For purposes of compliance with the section, "engage in the practice of registered nursing" may include, when approved by the Board, volunteer work as a registered nurse, or work in any non-direct patient care position that requires licensure as a registered nurse.

The Board may require that advanced practice nurses engage in advanced practice nursing for a minimum of 24 hours per week for 6 consecutive months or as determined by the Board.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of his good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation shall apply.

7. Employment Approval and Reporting Requirements. Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before commencing or continuing any employment, paid or voluntary, as a registered nurse. Respondent shall cause to be submitted to the Board all performance evaluations and other employment related reports as a registered nurse upon request of the Board.

Respondent shall provide a copy of this Decision to his employer and immediate supervisors prior to commencement of any nursing or other health care related employment.

In addition to the above, Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after he obtains any nursing or other health care related employment. Respondent shall notify the Board in writing within seventy-two (72) hours after he is terminated or separated, regardless of cause, from any nursing, or other health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination or separation.

8. Supervision. Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board regarding Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration before commencing or continuing any employment as a registered nurse, or education and training that includes patient care.

Respondent shall practice only under the direct supervision of a registered nurse in good standing (no current discipline) with the Board of Registered Nursing, unless alternative methods of supervision and/or collaboration (e.g., with an advanced practice nurse or physician) are approved.

Respondent's level of supervision and/or collaboration may include, but is not limited to the following:

- (a) Maximum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is present in the patient care area or in any other work setting at all times.
- (b) Moderate The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration is in the patient care unit or in any other work setting at least half the hours Respondent works.
- (c) Minimum The individual providing supervision and/or collaboration has person-toperson communication with Respondent at least twice during each shift worked.

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(d) Home Health Care - If Respondent is approved to work in the home health care
setting, the individual providing supervision and/or collaboration shall have person-to-person
communication with Respondent as required by the Board each work day. Respondent shall
maintain telephone or other telecommunication contact with the individual providing supervision
and/or collaboration as required by the Board during each work day. The individual providing
supervision and/or collaboration shall conduct, as required by the Board, periodic, on-site visits to
patients' homes visited by Respondent with or without Respondent present.

9. **Employment Limitations.** Respondent shall not work for a nurse's registry, in any private duty position as a registered nurse, a temporary nurse placement agency, a traveling nurse, or for an in-house nursing pool.

Respondent shall not work for a licensed home health agency as a visiting nurse unless the registered nursing supervision and other protections for home visits have been approved by the Board. Respondent shall not work in any other registered nursing occupation where home visits are required.

Respondent shall not work in any health care setting as a supervisor of registered nurses. The Board may additionally restrict Respondent from supervising licensed vocational nurses and/or unlicensed assistive personnel on a case-by-case basis.

Respondent shall not work as a faculty member in an approved school of nursing or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education program.

Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined worksite(s) and shall not work in a float capacity.

If Respondent is working or intends to work in excess of 40 hours per week, the Board may request documentation to determine whether there should be restrictions on the hours of work.

10. Complete a Nursing Course(s). Respondent, at his own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) relevant to the practice of registered nursing no later than six months prior to the end of his probationary term.

Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board before enrolling in the course(s).

Respondent shall submit to the Board the original transcripts or certificates of completion for the

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11. Cost Recovery. Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of \$2,955.00. Respondent shall be permitted to pay these costs in a payment plan approved by the Board, with payments to be completed no later than three months prior to the end of the probation term.

If Respondent has not complied with this condition during the probationary term, and Respondent has presented sufficient documentation of his good faith efforts to comply with this condition, and if no other conditions have been violated, the Board, in its discretion, may grant an extension of Respondent's probation period up to one year without further hearing in order to comply with this condition. During the one year extension, all original conditions of probation will apply.

12. Violation of Probation. If Respondent violates the conditions of his probation, the Board after giving Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation) of Respondent's license.

If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke probation has been filed against Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board.

13. License Surrender. During Respondent's term of probation, if he ceases practicing due to retirement, health reasons or is otherwise unable to satisfy the conditions of probation, Respondent may surrender his license to the Board. The Board reserves the right to evaluate Respondent's request and to exercise its discretion whether to grant the request, or to take any other action deemed appropriate and reasonable under the circumstances, without further hearing. Upon formal acceptance of the tendered license and wall certificate, Respondent will no longer be subject to the conditions of probation.

Surrender of Respondent's license shall be considered a disciplinary action and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board. A registered nurse whose license has been surrendered may petition the Board for reinstatement no sooner than the following minimum periods from the effective date of the disciplinary decision:

- (1) Two years for reinstatement of a license that was surrendered for any reason other than a mental or physical illness; or
 - (2) One year for a license surrendered for a mental or physical illness.
- 14. Mental Health Examination. Respondent shall, within 45 days of the effective date of this Decision, have a mental health examination including psychological testing as appropriate to determine his capability to perform the duties of a registered nurse. The examination will be performed by a psychiatrist, psychologist or other licensed mental health practitioner approved by the Board. The examining mental health practitioner will submit a written report of that assessment and recommendations to the Board. All costs are the responsibility of Respondent. Recommendations for treatment, therapy or counseling made as a result of the mental health examination will be instituted and followed by Respondent.

If Respondent is determined to be unable to practice safely as a registered nurse, the licensed mental health care practitioner making this determination shall immediately notify the Board and Respondent by telephone, and the Board shall request that the Attorney General's office prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation. Respondent shall immediately cease practice and may not resume practice until notified by the Board. During this period of suspension, Respondent shall not engage in any practice for which a license issued by the Board is required, until the Board has notified Respondent that a mental health determination permits Respondent to resume practice. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period.

If Respondent fails to have the above assessment submitted to the Board within the 45-day requirement, Respondent shall immediately cease practice and shall not resume practice until notified by the Board. This period of suspension will not apply to the reduction of this probationary time period. The Board may waive or postpone this suspension only if significant,

documented evidence of mitigation is provided. Such evidence must establish good faith efforts 1 2 by Respondent to obtain the assessment, and a specific date for compliance must be provided. 3 Only one such waiver or extension may be permitted. 4 ACCEPTANCE I have carefully read the Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the 5 stipulation and the effect it will have on my Registered Nurse License and Public Health Nurse 6 Certificate. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, 7 and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Registered 8 Nursing. 9 10 11 12 Respondent 13 14 **ENDORSEMENT** 15 The foregoing Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby respectfully 16 submitted for consideration by the Board of Registered Nursing. 17 Dated: Respectfully submitted, 18 11/25/13 Kamala D. Harris Attorney General of California 19 ARMANDO ZAMBRANO Supervising Deputy Attorney General 20 21 22 A L. SUN Deputy Attorney General 23 Attorneys for Complainant 24 25 . 26 LA2012507405 51404457.doc 27 28 10 STIPULATED SETTLEMENT (2013-1091)

Exhibit A

Accusation No. 2013-1091

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11	In the Metter of the Assessment Assista	Case No. 2013-1091	
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12	CHI-MAN HO 115 East Broadway #G-204	1/4./	
13	San Gabriel, CA 91776		
14	Registered Nurse License No. 656286		7
15	Public Health Nurse Certificate No. 70340		• •
16	Respondent.		
17	Complainant alleges:		
18	<u>PAR'</u>	<u>ries</u>	•
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN (Compl	ainant) brings this Accusation sol	ely in her
20	official capacity as the Executive Officer of the E	Board of Registered Nursing, Depa	artment of
21	Consumer Affairs (Board).		
22	2. On or about April 14, 2005, the Boar	d issued Registered Nurse License	e No. 656286
23	to Chi-Man Ho (Respondent). The Registered N	urse License was in full force and	effect at all
24	times relevant to the charges brought herein and	will expire on August 31, 2014, u	nless renewed.
25.	3. On or about June 30, 2006, the Board	l issued Public Health Nurse Certi	ficate No.
26	70340 to Chi-Man Ho (Respondent). The Public	Health Nurse Certificate was in f	all force and
27	effect at all times relevant to the charges brought	herein and will expire on August	31, 2014,
28	unless renewed.	ŕ	
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JURISDICTION

4. This Accusation is brought before the Board, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise indicated.

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 5. Section 490 states, in pertinent part:
- "(a) In addition to any other action that a board is permitted to take against a licensee, a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime, if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- "(b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, a board may exercise any authority to discipline a licensee for conviction of a crime that is independent of the authority granted under subdivision (a) only if the crime is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the licensee's license was issued.
- "(c) A conviction within the meaning of this section means a plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere. Any action that a board is permitted to take following the establishment of a conviction may be taken when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal, or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code."
- 6. Section 2750 states, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
 - 7. Section 2761 states, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

"(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

"(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof. . . ."

- 8. Section 2764 states that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.
 - 9. Section 2765 states:

"A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a plea of nolo contendere made to a charge substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties of a registered nurse is deemed to be a conviction within the meaning of this article. The board may order the license or certificate suspended or revoked, or may decline to issue a license or certificate, when the time for appeal has elapsed, or the judgment of conviction has been affirmed on appeal or when an order granting probation is made suspending the imposition of sentence, irrespective of a subsequent order under the provisions of Section 1203.4 of the Penal Code allowing such person to withdraw his or her plea of guilty and to enter a plea of not guilty, or setting aside the verdict of guilty, or dismissing the accusation, information or indictment."

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

10: California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, states, in pertinent part:

"A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare. Such convictions or acts shall include but not be limited to the following:

"(c) Theft, dishonesty, fraud, or deceit."

COST RECOVERY

11. Section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and

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enforcement of the case, with failure of the licentiate to comply subjecting the license to not being renewed or reinstated. If a case settles, recovery of investigation and enforcement costs may be included in a stipulated settlement.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of a Substantially-Related Crime)

- 12. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code sections 490 and 2761, subdivision (f), in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent was convicted of a crime involving theft, dishonesty, fraud or deceit, which is substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of a registered nurse as follows:
- a. On or about March 15, 2012, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of violating Penal.Code section 487, subdivision (a) [grand theft], in the criminal proceeding entitled The People of the State of California v. Chiman Ho, aka Chi Man Ho (Super. Ct. Placer County, 2009, No. 62-104298). The court sentenced Respondent to serve 60 days in jail, placed him on probation for a period of 3 years, and ordered him to pay \$1,379.00 in restitution. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that between June 11, 2009 and January 31, 2010, Respondent intentionally filed false time cards to V-Staff USA, Inc., an employment staffing service for prisons and other government agencies, after he was terminated from his contracted employer.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License No. 656286, issued to Chi-Man Ho;
- 2. Revoking or suspending Public Health Nurse Certificate No. 70340, issued to Chi-Man Ho;
- 3. Ordering Chi-Man Ho to pay the Board the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3; and

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