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Dear Ms. Mason:

This is official notification that an Informal Conference will be held, pursuant to § 2.2-4019, § 2.2-4021, § 54.1-3010 and § 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, on **August 5, 2002, at 10:30 a.m.**, in the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Southern States Building, Fourth Floor, Richmond, Virginia.

The Special Conference Committee, which is comprised of two or three members of the Virginia Board of Nursing, will inquire into allegations that you may have violated Term Nos. 2, 2a, 2b, 3 and 4 of the Order entered December 4, 2000, in that:

1. By Order entered February 11, 1998, your license to practice practical nursing was indefinitely suspended for not less than two (2) years. This action was based on your engaging in sexual intercourse with an inmate while employed as a nurse at Greensville Correctional Center, Jarratt, Virginia. By Order entered December 4, 2000, your license was reinstated, and you were placed on probation subject to certain terms and conditions. You have violated certain of these terms and conditions. Specifically:
 - A. You failed to obtain an evaluation from a Board-approved mental health specialist, as required by Term No. 2.a.
 - B. You failed to obtain Board-approval for a counselor. You had begun seeing Evelyn Welti, R.N., the Medical College of Virginia Division of Ambulatory Care Psychiatry, Richmond, Virginia, for individual therapy in November 2000, prior to the requirement for Board approval. You failed to have Ms. Welti submit a curriculum vitae for approval, and failed to have her submit a written progress report related to the minimum of six (6) counseling sessions addressing boundary issues, as specifically required by Term No. 2.b.
 - C. Prior to returning to the practice of nursing, you failed to meet with a Special Conference Committee to consider your compliance with and reports resulting from
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the evaluation, your counselor, and your compliance with the Health Practitioners' Intervention Program ("HPIP"), as required by Term No. 2.

- D. You failed to inform the Board of your employment with National Nurses Service, Inc., from February 21, 2001 through May 29, 2001, as required by this Term No. 3, until after you had resigned this employment. Additionally, you failed to submit all quarterly self-reports, as required by Term No. 3, in that your report for the quarter ending September 30, 2001, was received late, and the report for the quarter ending June 30, 2002, has not been received.
- E. You failed to submit the fee required by Term No. 4 to have your license marked "Probation with Terms."

You may be represented by an attorney at the Informal Conference. After the conference, the conference committee is authorized to take the following actions:

1. If the committee finds that there is insufficient evidence to warrant further action or that the charges are without foundation, the committee shall notify you by mail that your record has been cleared of any charge which might affect your right to practice nursing in the Commonwealth;
2. The committee may continue your license on probation with such terms as it may deem appropriate;
3. The committee may reprimand you;
4. The committee may modify a previous Order;
5. The committee may impose a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code; or
6. The committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. If the Conference Committee is of the opinion that a suspension or revocation of your license may be justified, the committee may offer you a consent order in lieu of a formal hearing.

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Conference Committee will proceed to hear the case in your absence, and may take any of the actions outlined above.

At least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the conference, please inform this office of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the conference. This can be done by calling our offices at (804) 662-9950, or by sending a letter at the address listed above.

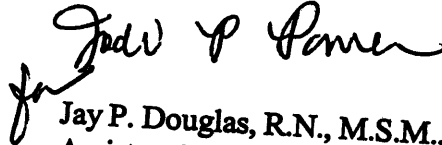
You have the right to information that will be relied upon by the Board in making a decision. Therefore, I have enclosed a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the members of the Committee and will be considered by the Committee when discussing the allegations with you and when deliberating upon your case. These documents are enclosed only with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. Please bring these documents with you.

If you have any additional documents to be presented to the Conference Committee, please bring five (5) copies of each document with you.

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Also, enclosed are copies of the relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which govern proceedings of this nature, as well as laws and regulations relating to the practice of nursing in Virginia that are cited in this notice.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

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