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VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 8/26/16

Meagan Elizabeth Weis Howell, R.N.
110 Don Juan Circle
Yorktown, VA 23693

RE: License Number: 0001-219091
Case Number: 171853

Dear Ms. Howell:

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, you are hereby given notice that your license to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered August 25, 2016. You are hereby advised that you may not practice as a professional nurse or hold yourself out as a licensed professional nurse unless and until the Board of Nursing has notified you in writing that your license has been reinstated. Please return your license to Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board"), at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

You may apply to the Board for reinstatement of your license, and you shall be entitled to a formal administrative hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of 60 days from the Board's receipt of your reinstatement application. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the Board present at the hearing. The reinstatement application can be found at www.dhp.virginia.gov/Nursing.

If you have any questions about this matter, you can contact me at (804) 367-4474 or anne.joseph@dhp.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Anne Joseph, Deputy Director
Administrative Proceedings Division

cc: Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, Board of Nursing
Enclosures

BEFORE THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

IN RE: MEAGAN ELIZABETH WEIS HOWELL, R.N.
License Number: 0001-219091
Case Number: 171853

ORDER OF MANDATORY SUSPENSION

In accordance with Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that Meagan Elizabeth Weis Howell, R.N. was convicted of a felony offense, to wit: possession of a controlled substance. A certified copy of the Conviction and Sentencing Order is attached hereto as Commonwealth's Exhibit 1.

WHEREUPON, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, it is hereby ORDERED that the license of Meagan Elizabeth Weis Howell, R.N. to practice as a professional nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Meagan Elizabeth Weis Howell, R.N. will be recorded as suspended and no longer current and valid. Should Meagan Elizabeth Weis Howell, R.N. seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Virginia Code § 54.1-2409, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

This Order shall be applicable to Ms. Howell's multistate licensure privilege, if any, to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-4023 and § 54.1-2400.2, 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 or copying on request.




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

ENTERED:

8/25/16

CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, David E. Brown, D.C., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Conviction and Sentencing Order entered August 12, 2016, regarding Meagan E. Weis Howell, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the Circuit Court of the City of Williamsburg and County of James City, Virginia.



David E. Brown, D.C.

Date: 8/25/16



CONVICTION AND SENTENCING ORDER

VIRGINIA: THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CITY OF WILLIAMSBURG AND COUNTY OF JAMES CITY

FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING STANDARDS CODE: 095

Hearing Date: AUGUST 10, 2016

Judge: CHARLES J. MAXFIELD, JUDGE DESIGNATE

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

v.

MEAGAN ELIZABETH HOWELL
A/K/A MEGAN ELIZABETH HOWELL, DEFENDANT

This day came the defendant, who appeared in person with her attorney, Matthew E. Ballard. The Commonwealth was represented by Joshua P. DeFord. Whereupon the defendant was arraigned and after being advised by her Counsel and after reviewing the Commonwealth's evidence entered a plea of Guilty pursuant to North Carolina v. Alford, 400 U.S. 24 (1970), because of a belief that the Commonwealth possessed sufficient evidence to convict her of the offense charged in the indictment. The Court, having made inquiry and being of the opinion that the defendant fully understood the nature and effect of her plea and of the penalties that may be imposed upon her conviction, and of the waiver of trial by jury and of appeal, and finding that the plea was knowingly, freely and intelligently made, and the Court having been advised by the defendant, the attorney for the defendant, and the Attorney for the Commonwealth that there has been a plea agreement in this case, and such agreement in writing having been presented to the Court, and filed herein, and the Court finding that the evidence is substantial and sufficient for a finding of guilty, accepts the defendant's Alford plea and finds the defendant Guilty of the following offense:

Table with 4 columns: CASE NUMBER, OFFENSE DESCRIPTION AND INDICATOR (F/M), OFFENSE DATE, VA. CODE SECTION. Row 1: 25404-00, Possession of a controlled substance (F) VCC: NAR-3022-F5, 12-22-15, 18.2-250

The defendant and the Attorney for the Commonwealth agreed to waive the preparation of a presentence report, and the Court concurs and the presentence report is hereby waived.

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

Before pronouncing the 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

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pronounced.

The Court **SENTENCES** the defendant to:

Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections for the term of: 5 years.

The Court **SUSPENDS 5 years** of the sentence, for a period of **5 years** upon the following condition(s):

Good behavior. The defendant shall keep the peace, be of good behavior and violate none of the penal laws of this Commonwealth or any other jurisdiction for **5 years**.

Supervised probation. The defendant is placed on probation under the supervision of a Probation Officer until 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. The defendant shall remain drug free at all times and places while on probation.

Drug screening and assessment. The defendant is convicted of a felony committed after January 1, 2000, and is ordered to undergo a substance abuse screening and, if the screening indicates a substance abuse or dependence problem, an assessment by a certified substance abuse counselor as defined in § 54.1-3500 employed by the Department of Corrections or an agency employee under the direct supervision of such counselor. If the defendant is determined to have a substance abuse problem, the Court orders that the defendant enter a treatment and/or education program, if available, which in the opinion of the Court is best suited to the needs of the defendant. The Court requires the defendant to pay all or part of the costs of the program or treatment, excluding the costs of screening and assessment, based upon the persons ability to pay.

Blood analysis. The defendant shall provide a sample of tissue for DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) analysis to be sent to the Bureau of Forensic Science within 15 days after withdrawal pursuant to Va. Code § 19.2-310.2 and 19.2-310.3, unless a sample was previously taken.

Operator's license. The defendant's motor vehicle operator's license is suspended for **6 months**.

Costs. The defendant shall pay all costs associated with this case.

The Court certifies that at all times during the trial of his case the defendant was personally present with the attorney for the defendant.

The defendant is allowed to depart.

8-12-16
DATE

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JUDGE DESIGNATE

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION:

SSN:

DOB:

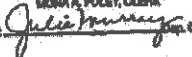
Sex: **FEMALE**

SENTENCING SUMMARY:

TOTAL SENTENCE IMPOSED: **5 YEARS**

TOTAL SENTENCE SUSPENDED: **5 YEARS**

VIRGINIA CIRCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF
WILLIAMSBURG & COUNTY OF JAMES CITY
I CERTIFY THAT THE DOCUMENT TO WHICH THIS
AUTHENTICATION IS APPLIED IS A TRUE COPY OF
A RECORD IN THIS COURT AND I AM THE
CUSTOMER OF THAT RECORD.
MONA R. POSEY, CLERK

By:  Julie Murray, Dep. Clerk

Julie Murray, Deputy Clerk, Williamsburg/James City County Circuit Court
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Julie Murray
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