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March 17, 2011

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CERTIFIED MAIL

**DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL**

**DATE 3/17/11**

RE: License No.: 0001-204586

Dear Ms. Wolff:

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 March 17, 2011. 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) 367-4623.

Sincerely,

Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director  
Department of Health Professions

Enclosures  
Case # 137387

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**IN RE:       PATRICIA A. WOLFF, R.N.**  
**License No.: 0001-204586**

**ORDER**

In accordance with Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), I, Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that the privilege of Patricia A. Wolff, R.N., to practice nursing through the Nurse Licensure Compact in the State of North Carolina was revoked by an Order to Revoke Privilege to Practice dated February 11, 2011. A certified copy of the Order to Revoke Privilege to Practice 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 Patricia A. Wolff, R.N., to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and hereby is, SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Patricia A. Wolff, R.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current. Should Ms. Wolff 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.

  
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Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director  
Department of Health Professions

ENTERED: 3/17/2011



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## CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Order to Revoke Privilege to Practice dated February 11, 2011, regarding Patricia A. Wolff, R.N., is a true copy of the records received from the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

Arne W. Owens

Date: 3/17/2011

**BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA BOARD OF NURSING  
OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

In the matter of )

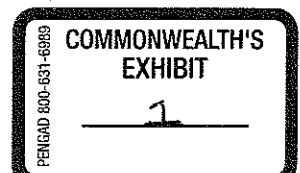
Patricia A. Wolff, RN )

Certificate # 0001204586 )

**ORDER TO REVOKE PRIVILEGE TO PRACTICE**

Pursuant to the authority vested by Article 9A, Chapter 90 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and Article 3A of Chapter 150B-38 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the North Carolina Board of Nursing (hereafter referred to as the Board) **REVOKES** the Privilege to Practice in North Carolina, as granted through the Nurse Licensure Compact, of Patricia Ann Wolff for violation of the North Carolina Nursing Practice Act.

1. Patricia Ann Wolff is the holder of Registered Nurse Certificate # 0001204586 which was issued by the Commonwealth of Virginia and expires on May 31, 2011.
2. On March 28, 2009, Ms. Wolff was employed by the Roanoke Chowan Hospital in Ahoskie, North Carolina, working on her privilege to practice as granted through the Nurse Licensure Compact. By agreeing to work on her privilege to practice as granted through the Nurse Licensure Compact, the licensee agreed to comply with all the laws, rules and regulations of practice promulgated by the Boards in the party states in which she chose to practice.
3. Ms. Wolff was employed at the Roanoke Chowan Hospital from March 28, 2009, until she resigned during an investigation regarding discrepancies in her documentation and handling of controlled substances, on June 18, 2010. While employed there, she worked the 7p to 7a shift as a staff nurse in the ICU. On April 13, 2010, she entered into a Work Performance Improvement Plan, regarding the proper documentation of controlled substances.
4. In June 2010, Risk Management conducted a repeat audit related to the proper documentation of controlled substances. The repeat audit occurred from March 17, 2010 through June 11, 2010. There were forty-six (46) transactions audited and seven (7) discrepancies identified for an 18 % discrepancy rate. The discrepancies included: doses of Morphine and Fentanyl were removed from the Pyxis with no further documentation in the records to substantiate administration of the drug to the patient, or that the medication was wasted; and doses of Morphine removed from the Pyxis when there was no physician's order.
5. Initially, on June 1, 2010, Ms. Wolff was counseled for breaching patient confidentiality when she accessed the medical record of an individual that was not in her care.
6. When questioned by Board staff, Ms. Wolff admitted she did not properly document the administration of controlled substances and she exceeded her scope of practice by giving Morphine without a physician's order.
7. The investigation determined the licensee has violated G. S. 90-171.37 (4) (5) (6) (7) and (8) and as further identified in Regulation 21 NCAC 36.0217 (c) (11) (22).
8. Therefore, the privilege to practice as granted through the Nurse Licensure Compact for Patricia Anne Wolff is hereby **REVOKED** and the licensee must **IMMEDIATELY CEASE AND DESIST** from the practice of nursing in North Carolina.



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9. In accordance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, the licensee is entitled to a "Show Cause" Hearing before a majority of the members of the Board to determine why the Board should not take further action because of the licensee's failure to comply with the probationary conditions, including imposing further discipline.
10. The licensee is entitled to be represented by counsel and to present evidence and witnesses/testimony on the licensee's behalf.
11. Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute Section 150B-40(d), the licensee may not communicate, directly or indirectly, with any individual member of the Board about this matter. If the licensee or legal representative has questions, they should contact Donna H. Mooney, RN, MBA, Manager for Discipline Proceedings.
12. If the licensee is disputing the fact that the violations as alleged did occur, the licensee must file a written objection with the Board within ten (10) business days of the date of the notice of violations to Patricia A. Wolff. The notice must contain with specificity the violations being disputed.
13. When the licensee has properly filed notice of objections with the Board, then the licensee will be notified of the exact date and time for the "Show Cause" Hearing. The Hearing will be held at the next scheduled Board meeting for which appropriate notice can be provided, or scheduled by consent of the parties.
14. Failure to return the written objection within the designated time period will be construed to mean the licensee is not contesting the matter and all further proceedings to which the licensee is otherwise entitled by law are hereby waived.

The license will then remain revoked until the licensee requests in writing the opportunity to appear before the Licensure Committee to petition for issuance of a license to practice in North Carolina.

15. This **ORDER to REVOKE** will be placed in the licensee's file and becomes a public record pursuant to the North Carolina Public Record Statute G.S. Chapter 132 and Board policy.
16. By not contesting the violations contained in this ORDER, the licensee is waiving the rights to a "Show Cause" Hearing, to challenge the validity of this ORDER and to any further proceedings to which the licensee may be entitled by law.
17. By contesting the violations contained in this ORDER, the licensee is requesting a "Show Cause" Hearing to be scheduled before a majority of the members of the Board or before the Board's Hearing Committee.

The licensee understands that a written objection with the specific violations/charges being disputed must be received within ten (10) business days of the date of this notice.

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The subject of the "Show Cause" Hearing shall be limited to the specific reasons for which the probationary license was suspended/revoked.

When the licensee has properly filed notice of objection with the Board, then the Licensee will be provided a Hearing before the Board at the next scheduled Board meeting for which appropriate notice can be provided, or scheduled by consent of the parties.

18. In accordance with G.S. 90-171.27 (d) and Board policy derived therefrom, a fee may be assessed for disciplinary matters. A "Show Cause" Hearing is considered a discipline matter.

**FAILURE TO RETURN THE ATTACHED PAGE WITHIN TEN (10) BUSINESS DAYS WILL RESULT IN THE LICENSEE WAIVING ALL RIGHTS TO CHALLENGE THE VALIDITY OF THIS ORDER OR TO ANY OTHER PROCEEDINGS TO WHICH THE LICENSEE MAY OTHERWISE BE ENTITLED BY LAW.**

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011



Julia L. George, RN, MSN, FRE  
Executive Director  
North Carolina Board of Nursing