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January 20, 2015

Nikkilah Elizabeth West  
1100 Ivystone Square, Apt. F  
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and  
483 Coitsville Road  
Campbell, OH 44405  
and  
137 Shields Road, Apt. 2  
Youngstown, OH 44512

CERTIFIED MAIL

DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

DATE 1/20/15

RE: License No.: 0002-087018

Dear Ms. West:

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 January 20, 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

Enclosures  
Case # 160964

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**IN RE: NIKKILAH ELIZABETH WEST, L.P.N.  
License No.: 0002-087018**

**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 the license of Nikkilah Elizabeth West, L.P.N., to practice nursing in the State of Ohio was suspended by a Notice of Immediate Suspension dated October 8, 2014. A certified copy of the Notice of Immediate Suspension 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 Nikkilah Elizabeth West, L.P.N., to renew her license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and hereby is, SUSPENDED.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Nikkilah Elizabeth West, L.P.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current. Should Ms. West 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.

**Certified True Copy**  
By *drahan*  
**Virginia Board of Nursing**

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

ENTERED: *11/20/2015*



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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 Notice of Immediate Suspension dated October 8, 2014, regarding Nikkilah Elizabeth West, L.P.N., is a true copy of the records received from the State of Ohio Board of Nursing.

  
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Jaime H. Hoyle, Esquire

Date: 1/20/2015



# Ohio Board of Nursing

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October 8, 2014

## NOTICE OF IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION AND OPPORTUNITY FOR HEARING

Nikkilah Elizabeth West, L.P.N.  
483 Coitsville Road  
Campbell, Ohio 44405

Dear Ms. West:

In accordance with Sections 2929.42 and/or 3719.12 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC), the Ohio Board of Nursing (Board) has been notified that, on or about October 16, 2013, in Mahoning County Court of Common Pleas Case Number 13 CR 320, you pled guilty to one (1) count of Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fifth degree, in violation of Section 2925.11(A)(C)(6)(a), ORC, and were subsequently found eligible for Intervention in Lieu of Conviction.

Section 3719.121(C), ORC, states in pertinent part as follows:

On receiving notification pursuant to Section 2929.42 or 3719.12 of the Revised Code, the board under which a person has been issued a license, certificate or evidence of registration immediately shall suspend the license, certificate, or registration of that person on a plea of guilty to, a finding by a jury or court of the person's guilt of, or conviction of a felony drug abuse offense; a finding by a court of the person's eligibility for intervention in lieu of conviction; a plea of guilty to, or a finding by a jury or court of the person's guilt of, or the person's conviction of an offense in another jurisdiction that is essentially the same as a felony drug abuse offense; or a finding by a court of the person's eligibility for treatment or intervention in lieu of conviction in another jurisdiction.

Possession of Heroin, a felony of the fifth degree, in violation of Section 2925.11(A)(C)(6)(a), ORC, constitutes a "felony drug abuse offense" as defined in Section 2925.01, ORC.

**WHEREFORE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 3719.121(C), ORC, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT YOUR LICENSE TO PRACTICE NURSING AS A LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE, PN-125775, IS HEREBY SUSPENDED.** Continued practice after receipt of this notice of suspension shall be considered engaging in the practice of nursing without a current, valid license, which is a violation of Section 4723.03(B), ORC.



Nikkilah Elizabeth West, L.P.N.

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In accordance with Chapter 119, ORC, you are hereby informed that you are entitled to a hearing in this matter. If you wish to request such hearing, the request must be made in writing and must be received in the Board office within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice. As required by Section 3719.121(C), ORC, the suspension ordered herein shall remain in effect until this hearing is held.

You are hereby further informed that, if you timely request a hearing, you are entitled to appear at such hearing in person, by your attorney, or by such other representative as is permitted to practice before the Board, or you may present your position, arguments, or contentions in writing. At the hearing you may also present evidence and examine witnesses appearing for and against you.

Should you choose to request a hearing, please mail or deliver the request, in addition to any other correspondence regarding this matter, to: **Lisa Ferguson-Ramos, Compliance Manager, Ohio Board of Nursing, 17 South High Street, Suite 400, Columbus, Ohio 43215-7410**, or to the e-mail address, [hearing@nursing.ohio.gov](mailto:hearing@nursing.ohio.gov).

If the Board fails to receive a request for a hearing within thirty (30) days of the time of mailing of this notice, the Board may, in your absence and upon consideration of the factual and legal allegations set forth in this Notice of Immediate Suspension and Opportunity for Hearing, deny, permanently revoke, revoke, suspend or place restrictions on your license to practice nursing as a licensed practical nurse; reprimand or otherwise discipline you; or impose a fine of not more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) per violation.

Sincerely,

*Susan Morano, RN*

Susan Morano, R.N.

Supervising Board Member

Certified Mail Receipt No. 7010 1870 0002 0349 8219

cc: Henry G. Appel, Principal Assistant Attorney General