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RE:

Certificate No. 1401-089238

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2. You may have violated § 54.1-3007(5) and (8) of the Code, in that, on or about March 2, 2002, during the course of your employment at ESH, you stole forty (\$40) dollars from a resident. As a result, your employment was terminated.

After the conference, the 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 as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth;
- 2. The Committee may place you on probation with such terms as it may deem appropriate;
- 3. The Committee may reprimand you;
- 4. The Committee may impose a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code; or
- 5. The Committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing. If the Committee is of the opinion that a suspension or revocation of your certificate may be justified, the Committee may offer you a consent order in lieu of a formal hearing.
- 6. If the Committee finds that there is sufficient evidence to find you in violation of the above charges and section 54.1-3007(8) of the Code of Virginia, the committee shall make a finding of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation of patient property, which will be entered in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to 42 C.F.R. 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D) of the Code of Federal Regulations. According to 42 C.F.R. 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B) of the federal regulations, such a finding would prohibit your future employment as a certified nurse aide in any long-term care facility which receives Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement.

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to hear the case in your absence, and may take any of the actions outlined above. Please inform this office at (804) 662-9075 about whether you intend to appear at the conference at least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date specified above. Also, please inform the Board office of a telephone number where you may be reached.

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

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. 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 nurse aides in Virginia that are cited in this notice.

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Enclosures

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