

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: SONJA D. WILLIAMS, C.N.A., R.M.A. APPLICANT**

**ORDER**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on October 5, 2010, in Henrico County, Virginia. Sonja D. Williams, C.N.A., R.M.A. Applicant, was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Jane Elliott, R.N., Ph.D., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On November 16, 2010, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Williams was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Sonja D. Williams, C.N.A., R.M.A. Applicant, was issued Certificate No. 1401-089238 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia. The certificate is currently suspended due to a mandatory suspension. Previously, pursuant to an Order of the Board entered March 7, 2006, the Board took no action against Ms. Williams and made findings of fact but no violations of law, for incidents that occurred during the course of her employment as a certified nurse aide at Eastern State Hospital and at Newport News Nursing and Rehabilitation Center. Pursuant to an Order entered June 22, 2010, by the Department of Health Professions, Ms. Williams' certificate was mandatorily suspended due to a felony conviction, as indicated below.

2. Ms. Williams submitted an application for registration by examination as a medication aide on May 6, 2009.

3. By letter dated September 2, 2010, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Williams notifying her that an informal conference would be held on October 5, 2010. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 14207 Deloice Crescent, Newport News, Virginia 23602, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified mail was returned to the Board office marked "unclaimed." The first class mail was not returned. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Williams and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.

4. On June 3, 2010, in the Circuit Court for the City of Newport News, Virginia, Ms. Williams was found guilty of grand larceny, a felony. She currently awaits sentencing.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

The Board concludes that:

1. Finding of Fact No. 4 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. Ms. Williams does not meet the qualifications of § 54.1-3042 of the Code.

#### **ORDER**

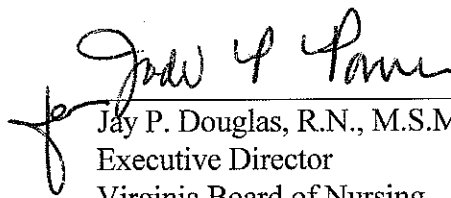
On the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS that the application of Sonja D. Williams, C.N.A., for registration by examination as a medication aide is hereby DENIED.

Since Ms. Williams failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Williams has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Williams has thirty (30) days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas,

R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three (3) days are added to that period.

Pursuant to § 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.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Jay P. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

Entered: November 29, 2010