

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: LEQUETTA BOTTOMS, C.N.A. REINSTATEMENT APPLICANT**

**Certificate No.: 1401-111756**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), a formal administrative hearing was held before a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on October 20, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon LeQuetta Bottoms' application for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia, which expired December 31, 2012, and to inquire into evidence that Ms. Bottoms may have violated certain laws governing nurse aide practice in Virginia. The case was presented by David W. Kazzie, Adjudication Specialist, Administrative Proceedings Division. James Rutkowski, Assistant Attorney General, was present as legal counsel for the Board. Ms. Bottoms was not present and was not represented by legal counsel. The proceedings were recorded by a certified court reporter.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Board adopted the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. LeQuetta Bottoms, C.N.A. Reinstatement Applicant, was issued Certificate No. 1401-111756 to practice as a nurse aide on October 18, 2004. Said certificate expired on December 31, 2012.
2. Based upon the representations of Mr. Kazzie and Commonwealth's Exhibits #1 and #2, the Notice of Formal Hearing and Affidavit of Mailing, the presiding officer ruled that adequate notice was provided to the respondent and the hearing proceeded in her absence.
3. On June 25, 2012, Ms. Bottoms was convicted in the Circuit Court of the City of Portsmouth, Virginia of possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of cocaine while in possession of a firearm, both felonies.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that:

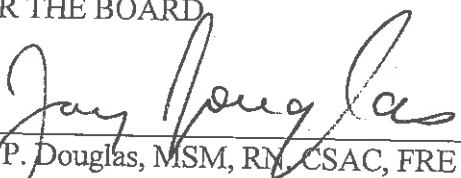
1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.
2. Ms. Bottoms has not demonstrated satisfactory evidence that she is prepared to resume practice in a safe and competent manner.


ORDER

WHEREFORE, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS that the application of Ms. Bottoms for reinstatement of her certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia is hereby DENIED.

Pursuant to §§ 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 public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying on request.

FOR THE BOARD

  
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Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE  
Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

  
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Virginia Board Of Nursing

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL**

As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, you have 30 days from the date you are served with this Order in which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, MSM, RN, CSAC, FRE, Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. The service date shall be defined as the date you actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to you, whichever occurred first. In the event this decision is served upon you by mail, three days are added to that period.