

**VIRGINIA**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: SHARITTA DENT, C.M.T. APPLICANT**

**ORDER**

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(7) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), an informal conference was held before an Informal Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing ("Committee") on June 16, 2014, in Henrico County, Virginia, to receive and act upon the application of Sharitta Dent for certification by examination as a massage therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and to inquire into evidence that she may have violated certain laws governing the practice of massage therapy in Virginia. Ms. Dent was present and was not represented by legal counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence presented, the Committee adopted the following Findings of Facts and Conclusions of Law.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. By application received February 18, 2014, Sharitta Dent applied for certification by examination as a massage therapist in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. By letter dated May 22, 2014, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Dent notifying her that an informal conference would be held on June 16, 2014. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 2408 Bare Street, Apt. 2D, Staunton, Virginia 24401, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.
3. On August 27, 2007, Ms. Dent was convicted of petit larceny, a misdemeanor, in the District Court of Waynesboro, Virginia.
4. On November 28, 2007, Ms. Dent was convicted of shoplifting, a misdemeanor, in the General District Court of Rockingham, Virginia.

5. On June 11, 2008, Ms. Dent was convicted of petit larceny, a misdemeanor, in the General District Court of Rockingham, Virginia.

6. On September 8, 2009, Ms. Dent was convicted of grand larceny, a felony, in the Circuit Court of Staunton, Virginia.

7. At the informal conference, Ms. Dent stated that she struggled with alcohol in her youth, and that her criminal convictions were a result of the bad decisions that she made as a result of her alcohol use and the individuals that she associated with during that time. She expressed remorse for her actions and stated that she no longer drinks alcohol. She stated that her last drink was four or five years ago, and that she attended AA meetings at that time and completed the Virginia Alcohol Safety Action Program. She also reported that she has paid all of the court costs related to her criminal convictions, and that she has not had any other criminal convictions. She further stated that her family and her faith were her support structure.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Findings of Fact Nos. 3, 4, 5, and 6 constitute violations of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. The Committee concludes that Ms. Dent otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3029 of the Code.


#### **ORDER**

On the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing hereby ORDERS that the application of Sharitta Dent for certification by examination is hereby APPROVED, and Ms. Dent shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a massage therapist in the Commonwealth.

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.


Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Ms. Dent may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on **August 20, 2014**, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that she desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

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

ENTERED: July 18, 2014

This Order shall become final on **August 20, 2014**, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy  
By   
Virginia Board of Nursing