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Dianiese Nicole Pinkney 5831 Orcutt Lane #D Richmond, VA 23224 **CERTIFIED MAIL** 7160 3901 9848 3154 2049

Dear Ms. Pinkney:

This is official notification that an Informal Conference will be held, pursuant to § 2.2-4019, § 2.2-4021 and § 54.1-2400 (7) and (10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, on **April 5, 2005, at 1:00 p.m.**, in the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia. You may be represented by an attorney at the Informal Conference.

The Special Conference Committee ("Committee"), which is comprised of two or three members of the Virginia Board of Nursing, will receive and act upon your application for licensure by examination as a practical nurse in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and will inquire into allegations that you may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia. The burden rests upon you, as the applicant, to demonstrate that you meet the requirements of § 54.1-3020 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"). Specifically, you may have violated § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code, in that, on December 16, 2003, you were convicted of possession of cocaine, a felony. On April 19, 2004, you were sentenced to incarceration for a term of two (2) years, with your sentence suspended for ten (10) years.

After the conference, the Committee is authorized to take the following actions:

- 1. The committee may approve your Application for Licensure by Examination;
- 2. The committee may determine that it is unable to approve your Application for Licensure by Examination;
- 3. The committee may approve your Application for Licensure by Examination and, subsequent to your successful completion of the NCLEX examination, grant you licensure as a practical nurse and place your license on probation with such terms as it may deem appropriate;
- 4. The committee may approve your Application for Licensure by Examination and, subsequent to your successful completion of the NCLEX examination, may grant you licensure as a practical nurse and reprimand you;
- 5. The committee may approve your Application for Licensure by Examination and, subsequent to your successful completion of the NCLEX examination, may grant you licensure as a practical nurse and may impose a monetary penalty pursuant to § 54.1-2401 of the Code; or

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6. The committee may refer the case to the Board of Nursing or a panel thereof for a formal hearing.

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.

At least ten (10) days prior to the scheduled date of the conference, please inform this office of your telephone number and whether you intend to appear at the conference. This can be done by calling our offices at (804) 662-9950 or by sending us a letter at the address listed above.

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 which will be relied upon by the Board in making a decision. Therefore, I enclosed a copy of the documents which 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 <u>only</u> with the original notice sent by certified mail, and must be claimed at the post office. Please bring these documents with you.

Enclosed you will find copies of the relevant sections of the Administrative Process Act, which governs proceedings of this nature, as well as the laws and regulations relating to the practice of nursing in Virginia.

Sincerely,

Susan Bell Rosen, R.N., F.N.P., J.D. Deputy Executive Director, Discipline

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cc: Robert A. Nebiker, Director, Department of Health Professions James Banning, Director, Administrative Proceedings Division Special Conference Committee Members Grant Kronenberg, Adjudication Specialist