

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:**

**STEPHANEA R. MILLS, C.N.A. APPLICANT**

**ORDER**

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(7) and (10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on August 14, 2013, in Henrico County, Virginia. Stephanea R. Mills 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 September 18, 2013, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Mills 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. By application received December 2, 2012, Stephanea R. Mills applied for certification by examination as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. By letter dated July 15, 2013, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Mills notifying her that an informal conference would be held on August 14, 2013. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 411 Harbour North Drive, Chesapeake, Virginia 23320, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. The certified and first class mail were not returned to the Board's office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Mills and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.
3. On August 17, 2010, in the General District Court for Virginia Beach, Virginia, Ms. Mills

was convicted of shoplifting, a misdemeanor involving moral turpitude. She was sentenced to one year in jail, suspended, placed on probation for two years, and ordered to pay court costs and fines totaling \$291.00, which were paid in full on October 14, 2010.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(4) of the Code.
2. Ms. Mills otherwise meets the requirements of § 54.1-3023 of the Code.

### ORDER

WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

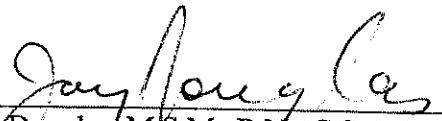
1. The application of Stephanea R. Mills for certification by examination as a nurse aide is APPROVED. Upon successful completion of the NNAAP examination, Ms. Mills shall be issued an unrestricted certificate to practice as a nurse aide in the Commonwealth.
2. Ms. Mills is hereby REPRIMANDED.
3. Ms. Mills shall maintain a course of conduct in her capacity as a nurse aide commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

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.


Since Ms. Mills failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Mills 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. Mills 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, M.S.M., R.N.,

C.S.A.C., F.R.E., 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.

FOR THE BOARD:

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

Entered: September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

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By \_\_\_\_\_  
Virginia Board of Nursing