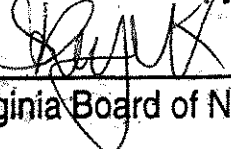


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June 25, 2013

Merita L. Cromer
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DATE 6/25/13

RE: License No.: 0002-068010

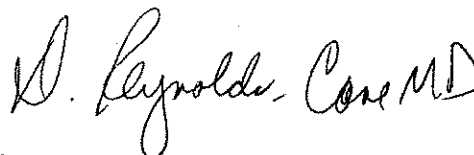
Dear Ms. Cromer:

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), you are hereby given notice that your license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia has been mandatorily suspended by the enclosed Order entered June 25, 2013. You are hereby advised that, pursuant to Section 54.1-2409.1 of the Code, any person who practices a profession or occupation after having their license or certificate to do so suspended shall be guilty of a felony. Please return your license to Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director of the Virginia Board of Nursing, at the above address, immediately upon receipt of this letter.

Section 54.1-2409 of the Code further provides that you may apply to the Board of Nursing ("Board") for reinstatement of your license, and shall be entitled to a hearing not later than the next regular meeting of the Board after the expiration of sixty days from the receipt of such reinstatement application. You have the following rights, among others: to be represented by legal counsel, to have witnesses subpoenaed on your behalf, to present documentary evidence and to cross-examine adverse witnesses. The reinstatement of your license shall require the affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members present of the Board of Nursing.

Should you wish to petition the Board of Nursing for reinstatement of your license, contact Jay P. Douglas, Executive Director, at the above address or (804) 367-4599.

Sincerely,



Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director
Department of Health Professions

Enclosures
Case # 151191

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS

IN RE: MERITA L. CROMER, L.P.N.
License No.: 0002-068010


ORDER

In accordance with Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), I, Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that Merita L. Cromer, L.P.N., pled guilty to and was found to be guilty of a felony charge in the Circuit Court for the County of Wise, and the City of Norton, Virginia, to wit: One (1) Count of Failure to Report Change in Circumstances. A certified copy of the Court Order is attached to this Order and is marked as Commonwealth's Exhibit No. 1.

WHEREFORE, by the authority vested in the Director of the Department of Health Professions pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code, it is hereby ORDERED that the privilege of Merita L. Cromer, L.P.N., to renew her license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia be, and hereby is, suspended.

Upon entry of this Order, the license of Merita L. Cromer, L.P.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current. Should Ms. Cromer seek reinstatement of her license pursuant to Section 54.1-2409 of the Code, she shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of her license prior to issuance of her license to resume practice.

Pursuant to Sections 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 a public record and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.



Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director
Department of Health Professions

ENTERED: 6-25-13



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CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D., Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Court Order entered August 1, 2009, regarding Merita L. Cromer, L.P.N., is a true copy of the records received from the Circuit Court for the County of Wise and the City of Norton, Virginia.

Handwritten signature of Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D.

Dianne L. Reynolds-Cane, M.D.

Date: 6-25-13

VIRGINIA:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF WISE COUNTY AND CITY OF NORTON

Federal Information
Standards Code: 195

Hearing Date: July 29, 2009
Judge: Charles B. Flannagan
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

V CASE NUMBERS: F08-681-02

MERITA CROMER

This day came the defendant, Merita Cromer, who appeared in person with her attorney Lonnie Kern. Ken Lammers represented the Commonwealth. Whereupon the defendant was arraigned and pleaded guilty to Count 3 of the Indictment and the Court having been advised by the defendant, his counsel, and the Attorney for the Commonwealth that there has been a plea agreement in these cases and such agreement in writing having been presented to the Court, and now filed herein, and the evidence of the Attorney for the Commonwealth, and none being offered on behalf of the defendant, the Court accepts said agreement and the plea of guilty of the defendant tendered in person and finds the defendant guilty of the following offenses:

Count:	Offense:	F/M	Offense Date:	Code Section:	VCC:
3	Fail to Report Change in Circumstances	F	10-07-08	63.2-522	FRD-2797-F9

Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 19.2-298.1 the court considered and reviewed the applicable discretionary sentencing guidelines and guideline worksheets. The sentencing guideline worksheets and the written explanation of any departure from the guidelines are ordered filed as a part of the record in this case.

Before pronouncing sentence, the court inquired if the defendant desired to make a statement, and if the defendant desired to advance any reason why judgment should not be pronounced.

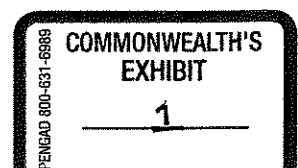
The Court Sentences the defendant, in accordance with the aforementioned plea agreement, to Incarceration with the Virginia Department of Corrections as follows:

Count 1: Two (2) years in the penitentiary with two (2) years suspended.

Probation:

Count 1: One (1) year supervised probation.

The defendant shall pay restitution to the Department of Social Services TANF in the



amount of \$1,060.00, Department of Social Services Food Stamps \$2,965.00 and Department of Social Services MEDICAID \$2,126.76. The defendant shall pay no less than \$100 per month in restitution on the 15th day of each and every month until restitution is paid in full.

The defendant will not be released from supervised probation until all fines, costs, and/or restitution are paid in full.

The defendant shall report to the Probation Officer within three days after being released from confinement.

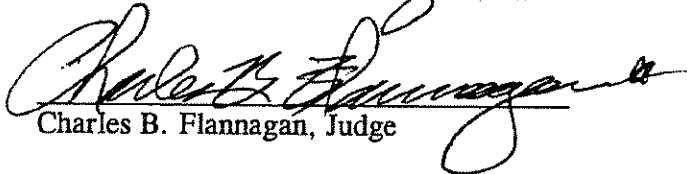
Credit for time served: The defendant shall be given credit for time spent in confinement while awaiting trial pursuant to Code Section 53.1-187.

Plea Agreement: All provisions of the plea agreement entered into by the defendant and the Commonwealth are adopted by the Court by reference and shall be considered a part of this Order.

The Defendant shall immediately make payment arrangements with the Circuit Court Clerk's Office. Failure to pay all fines, taxable costs and/or restitution may result in the court imposing the suspended sentence. The deferred suspended sentence and probation is conditional upon payment of fines, costs and/or restitution.

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 19.2-310.2, et. Seq. of the Code of Virginia, the defendant shall, as a condition of his sentence, provide a blood, saliva, or tissue sample for DNA analysis to be sent to the Division of Forensic Science, unless a sample was previously taken.

Enter this Order the 15th day of August 2009.


Charles B. Flannagan, Judge

DEFENDANT IDENTIFICATION:

SSN: 


D.O.B.: 

SENTENCING SUMMARY:

TOTAL SENTENCE IMPOSED: Two (2) years

TOTAL SENTENCE SUSPENDED: Two (2) years

IMPOSED BY: JUDGE CHARLES B. FLANNAGAN



Jack Kennedy, Jr., Clerk

Date Entered: 6-14-13

This is to certify that this is a true and correct reproduction of the original as filed with the Circuit Court for the County of Loudoun and the City of Loudoun, Commonwealth of Virginia.

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