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June 12, 2013

Christina A. Howell  
6627 Quail Hollow Drive  
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CERTIFIED MAIL

DUPLICATE COPY  
VIA FIRST CLASS MAIL

RE: License No.: 0002-079155

DATE 6/12/13

Dear Ms. Howell:

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 12, 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,

Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director  
Department of Health Professions

Enclosures  
Case # 150794

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS**

**IN RE: CHRISTINA A. HOWELL, L.P.N.**  
**License No.: 0002-079155**

**ORDER**

In accordance with Section 54.1-2409 of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, ("Code"), I, Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director of the Virginia Department of Health Professions, received and acted upon evidence that Christina A. Howell, L.P.N., pled guilty to and was found to be guilty of a felony charge in the Circuit Court for the County of Gloucester, Virginia, to wit: One (1) Count of Sell/Distribute Schedule IV Drug. 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 Christina A. Howell, 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 Christina A. Howell, L.P.N., will be recorded as suspended and no longer current. Should Ms. Howell 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.

  
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Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director  
Department of Health Professions

ENTERED: 6-12-2013



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## CERTIFICATION OF DUPLICATE RECORDS

I, Arne W. Owens, Chief Deputy Director of the Department of Health Professions, hereby certify that the attached Court Order entered May 23, 2013, regarding Christina A. Howell, L.P.N., is a true copy of the records received from the Circuit Court for the County of Gloucester, Virginia.

  
Arne W. Owens

Date: 6-12-2013

VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTER

Hearing Date: May 21, 2013

Judge: Honorable R. Bruce Long

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

vs.

CR13000074-00

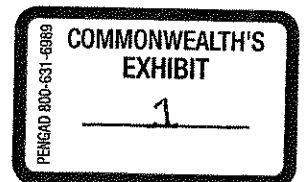
HOWELL, Christina Ann  
a/k/a Christy Ann Howell

On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2013, came Holly B. Smith, Attorney for the Commonwealth. Also came Christina Ann Howell, the defendant who appeared in custody, and Michael T. Soberick, attorney for the defendant heretofore appointed.

The defendant stands before the Court indicted for the following offense:

Offense Tracking Number	Virginia Crime Code (For Administrative Use Only)	Code Section	Case Number
073CR1300007400	NAR-3136-F6	18.2-248	CR13000074-00
Offense Date: 09/27/2012	Description: SELL/DISTRIB SCH IV DRUG		

The Court was advised by the attorney for the Commonwealth, counsel for the defendant, and the defendant that there has been a plea agreement in this case. Whereupon, the accused was arraigned, and after private consultation with and being advised by counsel, tendered in person a plea of **GUILTY** to the indictment. The Court made inquiry and was of the opinion that the accused fully understood the nature and effect of said plea, and of the penalties that may be imposed upon said conviction and of the waiver of trial by jury and of appeal, and found that the said plea was voluntarily and intelligently made. Counsel stipulated that the evidence, if presented, would be sufficient to sustain a conviction and that this Court has jurisdiction. Argument of counsel having been waived,



the Court accepted the written plea agreement and the defendant's plea of guilty. Thereupon, the Court did find the defendant **GUILTY** of the offense for which She is indicted. The written plea agreement, after presented to the Court, is ordered to be filed as part of the record in this case.

Pursuant to the provisions of Code Section 19.2-298.01, the Court has considered and reviewed the applicable discretionary sentencing guidelines and the guidelines worksheets. The sentencing guidelines worksheets and the written explanation of any departure from the guidelines are ordered filed as part of the record in this case.

Before pronouncing the sentence, the Court inquired if the defendant desired to make a statement or advance any reason why judgment should not be pronounced. Nothing being offered or alleged to delay judgment, the Court imposed the following sentence:

**INCARCERATION:** The defendant shall be incarcerated with the Virginia Department of Corrections for a period of five (5) years, of which four (4) years, nine (9) months and fifteen (15) days shall be suspended.

This sentence shall run concurrently with the sentence imposed in Case No. CR12000055-02.

Suspension of the sentence imposed herein shall be upon the following conditions:

**GOOD BEHAVIOR:** The defendant shall keep the peace, be of good behavior and not violate any of the laws of the State of Virginia, County of Gloucester, United States of America, any state, or any political subdivision thereof for a period of ten (10) years;

**SUPERVISED PROBATION:** Upon release from incarceration, the defendant shall be on indefinite supervised probation with District 5 Probation and Parole Office. The defendant shall comply with all the rules and requirements set by the Probation Officer, which shall include remaining drug free and submitting to random drug/alcohol testing and successful completion of any programs recommended by the probation officer;

**RESTITUTION:** The defendant shall first make restitution through this Court as follows: Fifty Dollars (\$50) to Tri-Rivers Drug Task Force.

**COSTS:** After payment of restitution, the defendant shall pay the costs of all proceedings in this case.

**DRIVER'S LICENSE:** The defendant's privilege to operate a motor vehicle shall be suspended for a period of six (6) months. Such license forfeiture shall be in addition to and shall run consecutively with any other license suspension, revocation or forfeiture in effect or imposed. The clerk shall forward a copy of this order to the Commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

**DNA:** The defendant is ORDERED to submit to DNA analysis as provided in Form #CC-1390, unless a sample was previously taken.

**CREDIT FOR TIME SERVED:** The defendant shall be given credit for time spent in confinement while awaiting trial, if any, pursuant to Code Section 53.1-187.

The Court certifies that at all times during these proceedings, the defendant was personally present along with counsel. Lewis & DeBerry Court Reporting Service was also present.

And the defendant is remanded to custody.

