



## ***Arizona State Board of Nursing***

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### **RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear Ms. Matten-Johnson:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a registered nurse. Specifically, in a text, at 2:36 pm on September 4, 2020, you stated, "Im [*sic*] a registered nurse, which is why I work so much." On October 29, 2020, Board staff interviewed a co-owner at your previous employer, Touching Hearts, who also stated you identified yourself as a "nurse" to her but stated you never worked for them in that capacity. Additionally, you admitted to Board staff that you are a "registered nurse but are only working as a caregiver" and that you are a licensed nurse in the state of Louisiana. We are unable to verify that you hold a valid license in any state as a nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666 (A) It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice as a registered or practical nurse, registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist in this state and (2) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a registered, nurse, graduate nurse, professional nurse, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, practical nurse, licensed nursing assistant or certified nursing assistant.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636 (A) Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice registered nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to section 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "registered nurse", "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N."

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606 (A) The Board may: (4) Refer criminal violations of this chapter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667 A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (2) Engages in any conduct prohibited in section 32-1666.

The Arizona Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are a nurse (RN).

Be advised that the Board, will forward your case to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Janeen Dahn, Associate Director of Licensing, Hearing and Compliance at (602) 771-7814.

Sincerely,



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