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NEDA TINEEL RODRIGUEZ
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear NEDA TINEEL RODRIGUEZ:

On April 14, 2004, the Board of Nursing received information and documentation that on or about April 13, 2004 you represented yourself as a nurse in order to obtain employment for a Night Nurse Supervisor position with Kindred Healthcare, Desert Life Health Care and Rehab Center in Tucson, Arizona. There is no record at the Board of Nursing that validates that you have completed a program of study and/or hold a license to practice nursing in Arizona.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(2): It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice professional or practical nursing in this state. (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, graduate or professional nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice professional 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) (4) The Board may refer criminal violations of this chapter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667(2): 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 turn your case over to the appropriate law enforcement agency and proceed with criminal action in a court of law.

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If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Valerie Smith, at 602-889-5206.

Sincerely,

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