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COLETTE CARPENTER BIGLER
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear COLETTE CARPENTER BIGLER:

The Board of Nursing has received information and documentation that you have been representing yourself as a nurse, RN, GN, or professional nurse and that you have presented an RN license, with a number belonging to another individual in order to secure employment as an RN.

- 1) From February 5, 2003 to March 28, 2004 you were employed and performed the duties of an RN at the Surgery Center of Gilbert. You completed an application indicating that you had been employed as a registered nurse since 1996.
- 2) From November 2, 2001 to March 26, 2004 you were employed at Desert Samaritan Surgical Center as an RN.
- 3) Additionally, information received also reflects that you were employed with Healthways and Advanced Cardiac Specialist as an RN.

There is no record at the Board of Nursing that validates that you have completed a program of study and/or hold a valid license as a registered nurse.

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.

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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.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Thereasa Berry, at 602-889-5208.

Sincerely,

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