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MARIE L. GRIMALDO-PALLISTER  
308 E. Harrison Dr.  
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### **RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear MARIE L. GRIMALDO-PALLISTER:

The Board of Nursing has received information and documentation indicating that you have been representing yourself as a registered nurse. On or about October 13, 2003, in an attempt to secure employment as a nurse, you submitted to Vista Care a fraudulent document stating that you had been issued a Registered Nurse License by the Arizona Medical Board.

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.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Valerie Smith, RN, MS, at (602)331-8111, ext. 145

Sincerely,

Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N.

Executive Director

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