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Greg Epps
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Mr. Epps:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a registered nurse by writing on an Arizona State Personnel Division employment application that you were applying for a RN position. You also indicated that you had a RN license, RN63584-A and had attended and graduated from Central Arizona College from January 1995 to May 1997. The Board has no record of you having applied or having been granted a nursing license.

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. § 32-1646(A)(1): (A) In the regulation of nursing assistants the board may: (1) Refer criminal violations of this article 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.

Be advised that the Board shall 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 Suanne Smith, at 331-8111, ext. 114.

Sincerely,

Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N.
Executive Director