



**Janet Napolitano**  
Governor

**III.F.1 (Berry)**

**Joey Ridenour**  
Executive Director

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

1651 East Morten, Suite 210  
Phoenix, AZ 85020-4613

Phone (602) 88-5150 Fax (602) 889-5155

E-Mail: [arizona@azbn.org](mailto:arizona@azbn.org)

Home Page: <http://www.azboardofnursing.org>

May 27, 2005

RAMONA M. BEGAYE  
P.O. Box 1642  
Fort Defiance AZ 86504

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

Dear RAMONA M. BEGAYE:

The Board of Nursing has received information and supporting documentation that you have represented yourself as a licensed practical nurse/practical nurse, presented a fraudulent LP license (LP79646 expiration date 2/17/2007) and submitted a resume indicating prior employment as an LPN when applying for a non-nursing position at Navajo Earth Study in Window Rock, Arizona.

In a phone interview with Board staff on May 20, 2005, you stated that you received by mail (from our board) the LP license you presented to Navajo Earth Study. You verified the name, address, license number, and dates printed on the license as correct; board staff advised you that the document is not a valid license issued by our state and you may not continue to represent yourself as an Arizona nurse.

- Arizona LP license, #79646, has not been issued to yourself or any other individual;
- There is no record of any license or certificate issued to any individual with the social security number, address, or names provided by you on May 20, 2005;
- You stated to board staff that you renewed this license in February 2005 and paid with a \$150 money order dated 2/10/2005 and that the license expires 2/19/2007. This information is inconsistent with the renewal practice and fees in place within our agency in calendar year 2005;
- You indicated to board staff that you had obtained a LP license in the state of New Mexico. With you on the phone, Board staff was unable to verify that you hold or previously held a NM license;
- Additionally, you admitted to board staff that you had falsified the employment history on your resume and that you had not worked in any Sierra Vista, Arizona facility.

***The Arizona Board of Nursing has found no evidence to support you have completed a program of study or received a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona or any other state.***

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(3): 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. (3). Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a licensed practical nurse or a certified nursing assistant.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1641: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in this state or in a party state as defined in A.R.S. 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "licensed practical nurse", "practical nurse" or the abbreviation "L.P.N."

Page 2  
May 27, 2005  
Ramona Begaye

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 (LPN).

Be advised that the Board, pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606 (A) (4), 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 Theresa Berry at 602-889-5208.

Sincerely,

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

/trb

cc:

Office of the Attorney General  
1275 W. Washington  
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2926

Navajo Earth Study  
Window Rock Field Office  
P.O. Box 7440  
Window Rock, AZ 86515