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DEE JAY BARTLETT
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear DEE JAY BARTLETT:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a nurse or RN. It is reported that you verbally identify yourself as a nurse and we have received documentation validating your use of the credentials "RN" on documentation used to conduct business through Dr. Azher's office. In addition, during a recent phone call, staff at Dr. Azher's office identified you (to board staff) as an RN. On April 19, 2005 you acknowledged to board staff that you had been using this title RN. There is no indication at the board of nursing that validates you have completed a program of study or hold a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona or any other state.

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. § 32-1667(2): A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (2) Engages in any conduct prohibited in section 32-1666.

Following your discussion with board staff on April 19, 2005, the Arizona Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are a nurse (RN) and that you instruct staff at Dr. Azher's office to discontinue representing you as a nurse.

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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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