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

Dear SONYA CRICHTON:

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

In or about August 22, 2001 you applied for a position with Desert Valley Pediatrics and submitted an application indicating Arizona and California education and employment as a nurse; you subsequently accepted a position as a triage nurse and provided a copy of an RN license (RN577549). In a telephone interview with board staff on June 21, 2005, you stated that the document was fraudulent and that you do not hold an Arizona nursing license. You did, however, state that you had held a nursing license in California in the past. At that time you were advised to discontinue representing yourself as a 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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Executive Director

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