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Wanda Prevo
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761 E. McNeil
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Ms. Prevo:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have represented yourself as a "school nurse," while employed at Show Low Junior High as the health technician to students, parents and others. It is reported that you verbally identify yourself as a "nurse." There is no record at the Arizona Board of Nursing that validates you have completed an approved program of study or hold a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona.

On August 14, 2006, a phone call was placed to Show Low Junior High by Board staff, Board staff asked to speak to the on-site nurse, and was informed no nurse on-site but the health technician. The call was forwarded to you, which you did identify yourself by name and title of health technician. During the phone conversation with Board staff, it was discovered that a name plate hung outside of your office with the title "nurse", and when asked about forms used by teachers or other staff, it was also discovered that the "pass slips" used by teachers when referring students to your office with list the title "nurse."

In the phone conversation you stated that you have not and do not identify yourself as a nurse, and had no knowledge of students, parents or anyone else identifying you as the school nurse. You were informed at that time and acknowledged understanding that you are not to represent yourself as a nurse or allow others to mistakenly believe that you are a nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(2)(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. (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. (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. § 32-1636: 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. § 32-1641: 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."

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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.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Dolores Hurtado, at (602) 889-5158.

Sincerely,

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

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