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MELODY DIXON-LAFFERTY  
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### RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear MELODY DIXON-LAFFERTY:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a nurse, RN, GN, or professional nurse *both verbally and on your resume to Genesis OB/GYN in Tucson, Arizona. The Arizona Board of Nursing has found no evidence that 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)(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.

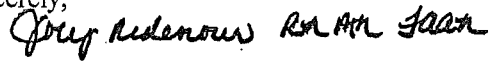
Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667(2): A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (2) Engages in any conduct prohibited in section 32-1666.

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 forward your case to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Karen Grady, at (602) 771-7821.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joey Ridenour R.N. M.N. F.A.A.N.".

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