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Sarah D. Childers
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Ms. Childers:

The Board of Nursing has received a complaint alleging that you may have stolen controlled medications and other personal belongings from a home care client referred to you by Plastic Surgical Specialist in Tucson, Arizona.

In review of the complaint received, it has been identified that you have been representing yourself as a "retired" nurse when in fact your nursing license was revoked for conduct involving the diversion of controlled drugs and subsequent history of noncompliance with the Arizona State Board of Nursing licensure requirements while participating the in the CANDO Program and then Consent Agreement and Order No. 0706041. Review of complaint information identified that you represent yourself as a "Retired Nurse" in conducting business and providing to others business cards with the title "Retired RN", a protected title that you are prohibited from using.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606 (A) (10): The Board may grant retirement status on request to retired nurses who are or were licensed under this chapter, who have no prior open complaint or investigation pending against them and who are not subject to discipline.

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.

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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 (RN) and/or that you are a “retired RN”.

Be advised that the Board, will forward the complaint and allegations received to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges and to other appropriate law enforcement agencies.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Dolores Hurtado, Senior Investigator, at (602) 771-7845.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joey Ridenour in cursive script.

Joey Ridenour, R.N., M.N., F.A.A.N.
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