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Byron Stubblefield
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Mr. Stubblefield:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have represented yourself verbally as a nurse, while employed with Maricopa Integrated Health System (MIHS) as an Anesthesia Technician. According to information received from your former employer, you claimed to have completed a nursing program and requested time off to take the licensure exam (NCLEX). Thereafter, you reportedly told co-workers and physicians you had passed the exam, had received nursing licensure and had been accepted into a nursing position with another facility. 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.

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 as a registered or practical nurse, registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist 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 nurse, graduate nurse, professional nurse, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or practical nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice registered 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).

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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 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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