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May 21, 2019

Jack Arlin Sarvis  
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### **RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear Mr. Sarvis:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you represented yourself as a registered nurse. On or about January 6, 2018, while on scene at an unconscious and unresponsive individual, you stated to law enforcement that you were a registered nurse and worked at Banner Gateway Hospital. You attempted to administer medical aid to this individual prior to the arrival of law enforcement to the scene and which you stated multiple times that you were a registered nurse in the state of Arizona and worked at Banner Gateway Hospital. However, based upon a review of licensing databases, it appears that you do not have an Arizona nursing license, nor a privilege to practice nursing in Arizona.

According to information received you entered a Plea Agreement of Guilty to Count 1: Nursing Improper Use of Nurse Title, a class 1 Misdemeanor in Maricopa County Superior Court in Phoenix, Arizona.

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 and (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, practical nurse, licensed nursing assistant or certified nursing assistant.

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."

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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).

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.  
Executive Director

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