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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :
FOR LICENSURE OF : Administrative Action
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LAUREN NAPOLITANO : **CONSENT ORDER**
NR 16412900 :
: :
TO PRACTICE NURSING :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Lauren Napolitano's application for licensure by examination as a Registered Professional Nurse, including certification and authorization form for a criminal history background check, dated May 29, 2012. Upon a review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on November 14, 2002 by members of the Lakehurst Police Department and charged with violations of N.J.S.A. 2C:35-10(a)(4) (Possession of Marijuana/Hash under 50 grams) and N.J.S.A. 2C:36-2 (Possession

of Drug Paraphernalia). Ms. Naplitano entered a Diversionary Program, paid an assessment of seven hundred and five dollars (\$705), and the matter was dismissed pursuant to a conditional discharge.

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest on her application for licensure, answering "No" to question 14 on the license application which asked if she had ever been arrested and "No" to question 6 on the certification/authorization form for a criminal history background check which asked whether she had ever been arrested and/or convicted.

The Board finds that the applicant's use of dishonesty, deception, or misrepresentation in not disclosing her arrest on her application form and criminal history background check constitutes a violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(b).

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature of the above conduct, and the parties desiring to resolve this matter, and the Board having determined that the within Order is sufficiently protective of the public, in lieu of further proceedings, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS on this 17th day of December, 2012

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Lauren Napolitano's application for licensure by

examination as a Registered Professional Nurse shall be granted upon payment of a civil penalty hereby imposed in the amount of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for failing to disclose her arrest on her application and certification/authorization for a criminal history background check. Payment shall be in the form of a certified check or money order made payable to the "State of New Jersey," and shall be submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order.

2. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which she practices nursing.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: Patricia Murphy PhD APRN, FAAN
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand
the within Consent Order
and agree to be bound by
its terms.

Lauren Napolitano
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