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

IN THE MATTER OF THE
LICENSE OF

Administrative Action

LAUREN THOM, R.N.
LICENSE # 26NR12903300

ORDER OF SURRENDER
OF LICENSE

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened by the New Jersey State Board of Nursing upon receipt of information that in May of 2013, respondent had been charged with theft of prescription medication for personal use from her place of employment, Arista Care Assisted Living Facility, in violation of N.J.S. 2C:20-3A, as well as possession of a controlled dangerous substance or analog,

in violation of N.J.S. 2C:35-10A(1).

It appearing that there is good cause for the entry of this Order, without admissions by respondent, and that Respondent and the Board agree to its entry, the Board finding that this order is sufficiently protective of the public health, safety and welfare, and for other good cause shown;

IT IS ON THIS 17th DAY OF June, 2013,

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:

1. Respondent shall hereby voluntarily surrender her nursing license and she shall refrain from the further practice of nursing pending further order of the Board. Respondent shall forward her nursing license, along with her wallet-sized biennial renewal license forthwith to Susan Carboni, Deputy Attorney General, P.O. Box 45029, 124 Halsey Street, Fifth Floor, Newark, NJ 07101 on behalf of the Board of Nursing.
2. The Board shall not entertain any application for reinstatement from respondent unless or until respondent can demonstrate that she is fit and competent to resume nursing practice by undergoing a comprehensive evaluation under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) or some other entity approved by the Board.
3. Prior to reinstatement, respondent shall demonstrate that she has satisfied the continuing education obligation of thirty (30) contact hours of continuing education to be

attributed to the 2011-2013 renewal cycle and, if applicable, any subsequent licensing cycle.

4. This order is entered without admission of any wrongdoing by respondent, without prejudice to respondent's ability to defend against the charges currently pending, and shall not preclude any further investigation or prosecution of this matter or any other matter by the Board of Nursing and the Attorney General or other law enforcement entities against respondent.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: *Patricia Murphy PhD APN*
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Board President

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

Lauren Thom
Lauren Thom, R.N.