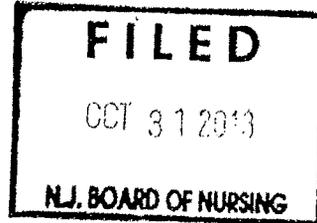


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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
BOARD OF NURSING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION :	
FOR LICENSURE OF :	Administrative Action
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MARY BETH HILL, APPLICANT :	CONSENT ORDER
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NR 17039800 :	:
TO PRACTICE NURSING :	:
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	:
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Mary Beth Hill's application for licensure by endorsement as a Registered Professional Nurse, including certification and authorization form for a criminal history background check, dated March 21, 2013. Upon review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on April 7, 1997 by members of the Spotsylvania County Sheriff's Office in Virginia and charged with Larceny (equivalent to a violation of N.J.S.A. 2C:20-3). The criminal history background check revealed a

finding of guilty of one count of Larceny on June 24, 1997 in the Spotsylvania Circuit Court, Virginia, although the sentencing information was unavailable.

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest and conviction on her application for licensure, answering "No" to question 14 on the license application which asked if she had ever been arrested, "No" to question 15 on the license application which asked if she had ever been convicted, 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. After the Board contacted the applicant with the results of the criminal history background check, the applicant admitted that as a teenager, she stole jewelry from the store where she was working at the time. She paid restitution in the amount of \$14,500 and was released early from her three year period of probation based upon her good behavior. The applicant has taken full responsibility for her previous actions and maintains that she turned her life around after that incident, which occurred 16 years ago.

The applicant claimed that she had checked "No" to those questions because she thought her "file had been closed" upon completion of her probation and the arrest was no longer on her

record. She also stated that she believed it would not be on her record because it happened 16 years ago. She maintained that she has an otherwise "clean record" and that this offense was her first and last.

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

The Board having reviewed this matter, 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 3rd day of Oct., 2013

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Mary Beth Hill's application for licensure by endorsement as a Registered Professional Nurse shall be granted upon payment of a civil penalty hereby imposed in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) for failing to disclose her arrest and conviction 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

Patricia Murphy PLD, APRN, FAAN

By: _____

Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

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

Mary Beth Hill

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