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

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
APPLICATION OF

JOHNEKA R. RIGGINS.

TO PRACTICE AS A LICENSED  
PRACTICAL NURSE IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

FINAL ORDER  
DENIAL OF LICENSURE

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("the Board") upon receipt of information which the Board has reviewed and on which the following findings of fact and conclusions of law are made:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Respondent , by means of an application dated May 23, 2013, applied for licensure by endorsement as a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey.
2. Respondent had been convicted, by way of a guilty plea, of recklessly endangering the welfare of another person on or about January 6, 2012 and was sentenced to two years probation. The conduct involved her son, a juvenile, who had been assaulted and badly injured by Ms. Riggins's husband while Ms. Riggins was present in the home.

2. On or about September 13, 2013, Ms. Riggins was asked to undergo evaluation under the auspices of the Recovery and Monitoring Program of New Jersey (RAMP) so that the board could ascertain whether Ms. Riggins was fit and competent to practice nursing

3. RAMP advised the Board that Ms. Riggins did not undergo evaluation under the auspices of RAMP, but was withdrawing her application.

### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The conduct underlying Ms. Riggins's conviction for endangerment relates adversely to the practice of nursing within the intendment of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Denial of Licensure was entered on December 23, 2013, provisionally denying the applicant's application for licensure. A copy of the Order was served upon respondent by certified and regular mail at her address of record. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> business day following entry unless respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated Findings of Fact or Conclusions of Law by submitting a written request for modification or dismissal setting forth in writing any and all reasons why said findings and conclusions should be modified or dismissed and submitting any and all documents or other written evidence supporting respondent's request for consideration and reasons therefor.

The record reflects that the certified mailing of the Provisional Order was returned, unclaimed. The regular mailing was not returned. No response has been received to date. The Board determined that as the mailings had been sent to the applicant's address of record with the Board, service had been effected. The Board

further determined that as no discrepancies had been raised with respect to the findings and conclusions of the Provisional Order, additional proceedings were not necessary, and the Provisional Order should be made final.

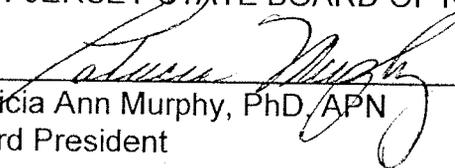
ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014,

ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's application for licensure by endorsement as a licensed practical nurse in the State of New Jersey is hereby denied, in light of her failure to submit to evaluation.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By:

  
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Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President