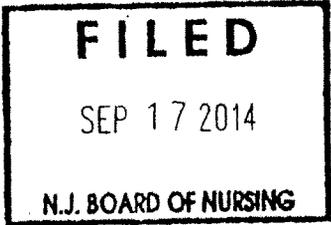


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| IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF | : | |
| | : | Administrative Action |
| CAROLINA V. PAZOS | : | |
| License No. 26NP05820100 | : | CONSENT ORDER |
| | : | OF |
| TO PRACTICE NURSING | : | REINSTATEMENT |
| IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY | : | |
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Carolina V. Pazos's application for reinstatement of her lapsed license as a Licensed Practical Nurse, including a certification and authorization form for a criminal history background check, dated September 26, 2013. Upon review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on August 06, 2013 by members of the North Arlington Borough Police Department, and charged with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:20-9 (Theft by

Failure to Make Required Disposition of Property Received). The matter was dismissed after Ms. Pazos paid restitution of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550).

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest on her application for licensure, answering "No" to question 17 on the reinstatement application which asked if there were any criminal charges pending against her 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, she responded by letter explaining that she had checked "No" on the application because she believed that her record would eventually be cleared. The applicant explained that a dispute with a tenant/roommate of hers, who had damaged her apartment, resulted in the applicant being ordered to return her tenant's security deposit. Due to a car accident, the applicant had been out of work and was unable to pay the judgment. When her payment was not made on time, a warrant was issued for her arrest; she was arrested during a traffic stop shortly thereafter. Upon her arrest, the applicant was able to make full payment within a few hours, and she was

told that the charge was dismissed. She did not realize that she would still have to disclose her arrest on a criminal background check.

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

The Board having reviewed this matter, and having considered the nature and timing 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} ~~22nd~~ day of ~~August~~ ^{Sept.}, 2014
HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

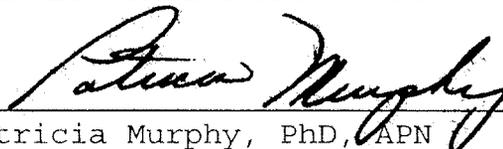
1. Carolina V. Pazos's petition for reinstatement of her license to practice nursing in New Jersey shall be granted upon payment of the civil penalty herein imposed.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) is hereby imposed upon the applicant 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.

3. 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, APN
Board President

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


Carolina V. Pazos