



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

IN THE MATTER OF THE  
LICENSE OF

**MARIA TRAZZI, L.P.N.**  
**License # 26NP04903200**

TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE  
STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Administrative Action

**FINAL ORDER  
OF DISCIPLINE**

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. Maria Trazzi ("Respondent") is a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the State of New Jersey, and has been a licensee at all times relevant hereto.
2. On or about April 8, 2014, a letter of inquiry was sent on behalf of the Board, asking Respondent to supply information concerning an arrest on March 23, 2014 on charges of shoplifting. The letter also asked for information about her nursing practice and documentation of continuing education completed within the last three years. The letter was sent by certified and regular mail to Respondent's address of record.
3. Respondent sent in a copy of the criminal complaint and other documents relating to the arrest, including the dismissal of the arrest due to lack of prosecution. She also sent in documentation of timely completed nursing continuing education.

However, although Respondent indicated that she would send in information as to her current employment, and a narrative statement setting forth her version of the facts and circumstances that led to the arrest, Respondent did not forward this information to the Board.

4. Respondent had been arrested for shoplifting in March of 2009, and convicted of a local ordinance violation on May 13, 2009; and she had been arrested on September 9, 2010 for shoplifting, and was convicted of local ordinance violations on October 25, 2010.

#### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Respondent's failure to fully respond to a Board inquiry constitutes a failure to cooperate with the Board within the intendment of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2 and 1.3, subjecting Respondent to sanctions pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e).

Based on the foregoing findings and conclusions, a Provisional Order of Discipline seeking a suspension and five hundred dollar (\$500) civil penalty was entered on October 27, 2014. Copies were served upon Respondent via regular and certified mail. The Provisional Order was subject to finalization by the Board at 5:00 p.m. on the thirtieth day following entry unless Respondent requested a modification or dismissal of the stated findings of fact and conclusions of law by 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.

Respondent timely responded to the Provisional Order of Discipline by providing a full and complete response to the Board's original letter of inquiry. Respondent

acknowledged that she had neglected to send all the requested information to the Board and apologized.

The Board reviewed Respondent's submissions and determined that further proceedings were not necessary and that no material discrepancies had been raised regarding Respondent's failure to cooperate with a Board investigation. The Board was not persuaded that the submitted materials merited further consideration, as Respondent did not dispute the findings of fact or conclusions of law. Inasmuch as Respondent provided the information originally requested, the Board determined that suspension was no longer warranted. However, the Board determined that Respondent's failure to respond to the original inquiry, thereby necessitating the filing of the Provisional Order of Discipline, and review of Respondent's subsequent reply months later, warrants imposition of a five hundred dollar (\$500) civil penalty.

**ACCORDINGLY, IT IS on this** 18<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015,

**ORDERED that:**

1. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) is hereby imposed for the violation of N.J.A.C. 13:45C-1.2 and 1.3. Payment shall be made by certified check, bank cashier check, or money order payable to "State of New Jersey," or by wire transfer, direct deposit, or credit card payment delivered or mailed to George Hebert, Executive Director, State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 45010, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment. Payment shall be made no later than fifteen (15) days after the date of filing of this Final Order of Discipline. In the event Respondent fails to make

a timely payment, a certificate of debt shall be filed in accordance with N.J.S.A. 45:1-24 and the Board may bring such other proceedings as authorized by law.

2. The Board reserves the right to initiate further proceedings based upon the information provided by Respondent and upon any new information the Board receives.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING



By:

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Patricia Ann Murphy, PhD, APN  
Board President