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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
WHITNEY V. WEST :	
NP 07272900 :	CONSENT ORDER
TO PRACTICE NURSING :	
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :	

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of Whitney V. West's online application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse by examination, including voluntary consent to a criminal history background check. Upon review of the results of the criminal history background check, the Board ascertained that the applicant was arrested on June 15, 2009, by members of the Cherry Hill Township Police Department and charged with violating

N.J.S.A. 2C:20-11(B)(1) (Shoplifting). On August 13, 2009, the applicant was found guilty in the Cherry Hill Township Municipal Court of the downgraded charge of violating a municipal ordinance (Disturbing the Peace) and assessed fines and costs totaling five hundred and eight dollars (\$508).

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest and conviction on her application for licensure, answering "No" to the question on the license application which asked if she had ever been arrested and "No" to the question which asked if she had ever been found guilty of any offense. The applicant stated that she checked no to the questions because she did not fully understand the circumstances of her arrest.

When asked to provide further information concerning the results of the criminal history background check and the corresponding answers on her application, the applicant explained that someone told her that the charge would only remain on her record for two years as long as she paid the fine. The applicant stated that she thought that the charge was a thing of the past after having paid the fine and two years having elapsed. She noted that she was unaware that she had to file to have the matter expunged and is now in the process of doing so.

The applicant now acknowledges the arrest and conviction and

provided copies of the police incident reports and abstracts of the conviction from the municipal court. The criminal matter ~~occurred~~ occurred when the applicant was a teenager and she maintains that she has become a different person who wants to set a good example and be ambitious and hardworking.

The Board finds that the applicant misrepresented her criminal history on the application 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 1st day of July, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Whitney V. West's application for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse shall be granted upon proof of successful completion of the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).

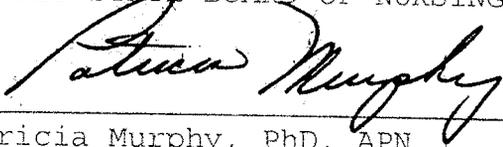
2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) is hereby imposed upon the applicant for failing to disclose her arrest and conviction on her application. Payment

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 submitted contemporaneously with this signed Order. Any other form of payment will be rejected and will be returned to the party making the payment.

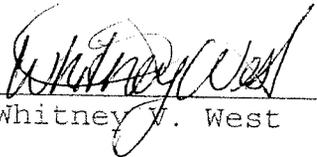
3. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which she practices nursing.

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.


Whitney V. West