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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 :
Andrew Costroff :
TO PRACTICE NURSING :
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY :
NR 18413400

Administrative Action
CONSENT ORDER

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing (“Board”) upon receipt of Andrew Costroff’s application for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) 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 September 20, 2004, by the West Deptford Township Police Department and charged with 2C:35-10A(4), Possession of Less than 50 Grams Marijuana/Hash. On January 2, 2005, the applicant was found guilty in West Deptford Township Municipal Court of 2C:35-10A(4), possession of less than 50 grams Marijuana/Hash, and sentenced to six (6) months suspended driver’s license and assessed fines in the amount of seven hundred seventy-six dollars (\$776.00)

The applicant failed to disclose this arrest and conviction on his application for licensure, answering “No” to the question on the license application which asked if he had ever been

arrested and "No" to the question which asked if he had ever been found guilty of any offense. The applicant stated the incident was a circumstance of being young and dumb and right out of high school. The applicant was under the impression that after seven (7) years his record would automatically be expunged, but he knows better now.

The applicant now acknowledges the arrest and conviction and provided a copy of the disposition.

The Board finds that the applicant misrepresented his 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 23rd day of November, 2015

HEREBY ORDERED AND AGREED that:

1. Andrew Costroff's application for licensure as a Registered Nurse by examination shall be granted upon Board review and approval of a completed application and compliance with paragraph two below.

2. A civil penalty in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is hereby imposed upon the applicant for failing to disclose his arrest and conviction on his 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.

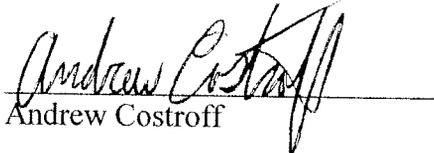
3. The applicant shall obey all the laws of the State of New Jersey, the United States and their political subdivisions, as well as all regulations, rules or laws pertaining to the practice of nursing in any State or jurisdiction in which she practices nursing.

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.



Andrew Costroff