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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 SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF **RICHARD MATTHEW BAINE, RN** **License # 26NR17467100** TO PRACTICE NURSING IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY	Administrative Action **INTERIM CONSENT ORDER**

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Nursing ("Board") upon receipt of information which revealed that Richard Matthew Baine ("Respondent"), a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey, was arrested and charged on March 20, 2017 in Eatontown, New Jersey with violating N.J.S.A. 2C:24-4(b)(5)(A) and (B) (Endangering the Welfare of a Child by Distributing and Possessing/Viewing an Item Depicting the Sexual Exploitation or Abuse of a Child).

The allegations, if proven, would demonstrate that Respondent engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense

involving moral turpitude and relating adversely to the practice of nursing pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), and lacks good moral character which is an underlying foundation for licensure pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:11-26, both of which would provide bases for disciplinary action against Respondent's license.

Respondent maintains that he is not currently employed as a nurse. It appearing that Respondent agrees to voluntarily enter into an interim agreement temporarily suspending his license without making admissions and without prejudice to his ability to defend any action brought based on the above allegations, and the Board finding the within disposition adequately protective of the public health, safety and welfare; and other good cause having been shown;

IT IS, THEREFORE, ON THIS 7th **DAY OF** April, **2017, ORDERED AND AGREED THAT:**

1. The license to practice as a Registered Professional Nurse in the State of New Jersey, issued to Respondent, Richard Matthew Baine, is hereby voluntarily surrendered, to be deemed a temporary suspension of license, effective immediately, pending disposition of the criminal charges and until further Order of the Board. Respondent shall, contemporaneously with the signing of this Order, forward all nursing licenses, both wallet and wall

versions, to Barbara J.K. Lopez, DAG, P.O. Box 45029, Newark, New Jersey 07101, on behalf of the Board of Nursing, to be held by the Board until reinstatement.

2. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from holding himself out as a nurse in the State of New Jersey and shall refrain from the practice of nursing in the State of New Jersey pending further Order of the Board.

3. Nothing contained herein shall be deemed an admission of liability on the part of Respondent.

4. The entry of the within Order is without prejudice to the further investigation and/or prosecution of any violations by Respondent of any statutes or regulations governing nursing practice in the State of New Jersey or any other violations of law, by the Board, the Attorney General, or any other regulatory or law enforcement agency, including, but not limited to, any pending matters under investigation.

5. Nothing herein shall preclude the Board from initiating further disciplinary action based upon the conduct relating to Respondent as alleged above or upon disposition of the criminal matters. Additionally, the Board reserves the right to deny reinstatement or to seek discipline, limitations, and/or restrictions, after affording notice and an opportunity to be

heard, at the time of any petition for reinstatement of Respondent's license.

NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF NURSING

By: _____
Patricia Murphy, PhD, APN
Board President

I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.

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Richard Matthew Baine, RN
License # 26NR17467100

Consent as to form and entry.

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Richard Stone, Esq.
Attorney for Richard Matthew Baine, RN