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CINDY PARISH-TAMAYO
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear CINDY PARISH-TAMAYO:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a Certified Nursing Assistant and as a Registered Nurse. It is reported that you represented yourself to the family of Minos Huelster as a RN and a CNA and you presented a business card stating that you were a CNA Tech/Certified Nursing Assistant. Additionally, it is reported that in or about December 2003 you stated to an Adult Protective Services worker that you are a registered nurse. There is no record at the Board of Nursing that validates you hold a certificate as a nursing assistant or license as a registered nurse in this state.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A) (3): (A) It is unlawful for a person not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (3) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, sign, card or device to indicate that he or any other person is a licensed practical nurse or a certified nursing assistant.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1649: Only a person who is currently certified by the board to practice as a nursing assistant shall use the title "certified nursing assistant" and the abbreviation "CNA".

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(2): It is unlawful for a person who is not licensed or certified under this chapter to: (1) Practice or offer to practice professional or practical nursing in this state. (2) Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, figures, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a registered, graduate or professional nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice professional nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to section 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "registered nurse", "graduate nurse" or "professional nurse" or the abbreviation "R.N."

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1646(A)(1): (A) In the regulation of nursing assistants the board may: (1) Refer criminal violations of this article to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1667(2): A person is guilty of a class 6 felony who: (2) Engages in any conduct prohibited in section 32-1666.

The Arizona Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are a Certified Nursing Assistant or that you hold a license to practice nursing in Arizona.

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Be advised that the Board will turn your case over to the appropriate law enforcement agency and proceed with criminal action in a court of law.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Thereasa Berry at 602-889-5208.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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