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VICKI L BOWEN
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear VICKI L BOWEN:

The Board of Nursing has received information and documentation indicating that you have represented yourself as a licensed practical nurse.

From June 5, 2003 to November 9, 2003 you were employed with Cornerstone Health Services as a LPN. You failed to notify your employer that your license, LP032337, had been revoked effective July 22, 2003. Timesheets signed by you and submitted to Cornerstone Health Services state that you accepted assignments as an LPN after that date. The employer terminated your employment on November 9, 2003 upon discovering that your license was revoked after reading the disciplinary actions published in the Arizona Board of Nursing newsletter.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(3): 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. (3). Represent or use any title, abbreviation, letters, sign, card or device to indicate that the person or any other person is a licensed practical nurse or a certified nursing assistant.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1641: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in this state or in a party state as defined in A.R.S. 32-1668 may use the title "nurse", "licensed practical nurse", "practical nurse" or the abbreviation "L.P.N."

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606 (A) (4) The Board may refer criminal violations of this chapter 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 nurse (LPN).

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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)331-8111, ext. 193.

Sincerely,

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