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SUSANNE BUHR  
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### **RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER**

Dear SUSANNE BUHR:

The Board of Nursing has received information and supporting documentation that you have been representing yourself as a nurse or RN and have worked in a position as a registered nurse at Prestige Senior Living in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

It is reported that you informed your employer, Prestige Senior Living, that you had applied for an Arizona nursing license; on a later date you presented a document indicating that you had received a temporary Az RN, TRN133014 issued April 22, 2005. In interview(s) with board staff, June 14-15, 2005, you indicated that you had applied for licensure with our board. You were informed during those interviews that the document provided to your employer is an altered document, the license number (TRN133014) presented was issued to another individual. Additionally, there is no application for licensure on file with our board and you have not been issued a nursing license. During these interviews you stated that you had evidence to validate that you had submitted an application for Arizona licensure and was given the opportunity to provide this evidence to the board; to date you have failed to produce this evidence. ***The Arizona Board of Nursing has found no evidence to support you have completed a program of study or received a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona or any other state.***

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. § 32-1606 (A) (4) The Board may refer criminal violations of this chapter to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

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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 (RN).

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 Theresa Berry, at 602-889-5208.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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