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Alfredo Zepeda
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Mr. Zepeda:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you represented yourself as a licensed practical nurse when you signed a blood bank slip for administration of blood, and held an employee identification badge with your name and LPN printed on it, while employed with Maricopa Medical Center. 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.

On April 26, 2006, you self reported to the Arizona Board of Nursing that while employed with Maricopa Medical Center as an Anesthesia Technician in the Operating Room, a trauma patient needed a blood transfusion, and that you verified blood with a CRNA, signing your name and LPN on the blood bank slip. You did acknowledge that you are not an LPN and do not hold an LPN license.

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. § 32-1667(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 forward your case to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges.

If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Dolores Hurtado at (602) 889-5158.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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