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JOANNE F YANEZ
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear JOANNE F YANEZ:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a nurse to your employer and colleagues. These individuals understood that you were an LPN and/or RN. The Arizona Board of Nursing records reflect that you were issued a nursing assistant certificate, CNA660816441, in August 26, 1994; this certificate expired November 1, 2002. *There is no evidence found to support you have completed a program of study or received a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona or any other state.*

In a telephonic interview May 31, 2007, you confirmed with board staff that while you were employed as an office manager with Dr. Saunders you allowed others to believe that you were a nurse.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1666(A)(1)(2)(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. (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. (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. § 32-1636: 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. § 32-1641: 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.

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The Arizona Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist implying to the public of Arizona that you are a nurse.

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 Thereasa Huff, at 602-889-5208.

Sincerely,

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