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Jolene Gronholz
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Jolene Gronholz:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a nurse and "back office nurse" *while employed at Harold H. Haston, M.D.'s office in Glendale, AZ from on or about May 23, 2003 until present. The Arizona Board of Nursing has found no evidence to support you have received a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona. In addition, due to the lack of evidence to support that the probationary requirement for your 1998 drug related felony conviction has been met you are not eligible for licensure in the state of Arizona. Additionally, licenses to practice nursing in other states have been either revoked or surrendered secondary to ongoing substance abuse.*

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.

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.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1606(B) (17): The Board shall revoke a license of a person, revoke the multistate licensure privilege of a person pursuant to section 32-1669 or not issue a license or renewal to an applicant who has one or more felony convictions and who has not received an absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions five or more years before the date of filing an application pursuant to this chapter

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 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 Valerie Smith, at 602-889-5206.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joey Ridenour in cursive script.

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