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October 19, 2016

Tiffany N. Ramirez
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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Ms. Ramirez:

The Board of Nursing has received information that you have been representing yourself as a licensed practical nurse (LPN). The Board of nursing received a complaint that you applied for an LPN position with Tonto Apache Tribe in Payson, Arizona, you signed paperwork/documentation with the "LPN" credentials such as the Daily Client Data/Report Log. The Arizona Board of Nursing has found no evidence to support you have applied nor received a valid license to practice nursing in Arizona.

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 as a registered or practical nurse, registered nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist 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 nurse, graduate nurse, professional nurse, nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist or practical nurse.

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).

Be advised that the Board, will forward your case to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential criminal charges.

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If you have any questions regarding our investigation of the complaint, please contact Dolores Hurtado at (602) 771-7845.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Joey Ridenour in cursive script.

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