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RE: CEASE AND DESIST LETTER

Dear Mr. Stewart:

The Board of Nursing has received information alleging that you obtained employment and attempted to practice as a Registered Nurse (RN) at Banner University Medical Center-Phoenix. However, based upon a review of licensing databases, it appears that you do not have an Arizona nursing license, nor a privilege to practice nursing in Arizona.

According to information received by the Board, in or about November 2018, you applied for a RN position in the Cardiac Cath Lab at Banner University Medical Center-Phoenix, and were offered employment contingent upon successful completion of pre-employment screening and validation of your ability to work as an RN in Arizona. You were informed on November 23, 2018, by Human Resources, that you were not yet clear to begin work, yet you presented for work at the Cath Lab on November 26, 2018, and worked for a period of 6 hours in nursing education modules. In or about December 21, 2018, you were arrested for posing as a nurse at Banner Desert Medical Center. The Arizona Board of Nursing has found no evidence to indicate that you have a valid license to practice nursing in the state of 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, practical nurse, licensed nursing assistant or certified nursing assistant.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 32-1636: Only a person who holds a valid and current license to practice registered nursing in this state or in a party state pursuant to section 32-1668 may

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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) 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.

Based upon this information the Arizona State Board of Nursing demands that you immediately cease and desist representing to the public of Arizona that you are a nurse, or attempting to practice as a nurse.

Be advised that the Board will forward this matter to the Office of the Attorney General for review for potential (additional) criminal charges.

If you believe any of the information in this letter is in error, or if have any questions regarding the Board's investigation of this complaint, please contact Dolores Hurtado, at (602) 771-7845.

Sincerely,



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