

LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS  
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December 9, 2014

**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
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Chondre Pipes  
172 Plantation Road  
Opelousas, LA 70570

License # 20130007

Dear Mr. Pipes:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning an incident that occurred at Opelousas General Health System. It alleges that on or about September 23, 2014, an investigation was initiated into narcotic discrepancies. The investigation discovered 18 instances where you removed narcotics and failed to document administration or waste. You submitted to a drug screen which was positive for THC. You were terminated from the facility.

On or about October 6, 2014, you were arrested on charges of simple burglary and arson after a home was reported burglarized where a gun was stolen and paper was found burning on the kitchen floor. You confessed to the burglary and the fire and returned the gun to officers. In your narrative statement to the board office you admitted to being arrested. You state your impulsive behavior was brought on due to stress and not taking the proper medication since your treating physician passed. You thought you could live a productive life without medication but realized medication is a necessity and you are under the care of a new psychiatrist. You falsified your student evaluation form for admission into an approved practical nursing program by failing to report this medical condition.

Louisiana Revised Statutes, 49:961 (C), in pertinent part, provides: "If the agency finds that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action, and incorporates a finding to the effect in its order, summary suspension of a license may be ordered pending proceedings for revocation or other action." LSA-R.S. 49:961(C).

The Board has determined that the allegations against you are sufficiently serious to **summarily suspend your LPN license**, in accordance with the above cited authority, and hereby, issues the following Order:

**ORDER**

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that based on the information and/or record(s) obtained by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners, and a finding "that public health, safety, or welfare imperatively requires emergency action", in accordance with LSA-R.S. 49:961(C), the LPN license of the above named respondent, Chondre **Pipes**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

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Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners  
M. Lynn Ansardi, RN, Executive Director

**You must immediately cease and desist the practice of practical nursing and return your current practical nursing license to the Board office.**

The Board will schedule your case for the next available formal hearing and will notify you by mail of the date and time. Moreover, the Board will continue its investigation of the allegations against you, about which you will be notified by Formal Complaint, to determine if you are in violation of the following:

1. being guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license to practice practical nursing;
2. being guilty of a crime;
3. being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;
4. being habitually intemperate or addicted to the use of habit-forming drugs;
5. being mentally incompetent;
8. being guilty of unprofessional conduct;
  - a. failure to practice practical nursing in accordance with the standards normally expected;
  - b. failure to utilize appropriate judgment in administering nursing practice;
  - g. improper use of drugs, medical supplies, or patients' records;
  - h. misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;
  - i. falsifying records;
  - j. intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;
  - n. being convicted of a crime or offense which reflects the inability of the nurse to practice practical nursing with due regard for the health and safety of clients or patients or enters a plea of guilty or nolo contendere to a criminal charge regardless of final disposition of the criminal proceeding including, but not limited to, expungement or nonadjudication or pardon;
  - o. being guilty of moral turpitude;
  - p. inappropriate, incomplete or improper documentation;
  - q. using or being under the influence of alcohol, while on duty, and/or while making application for employment, or using or being under the influence of drugs which impair judgment while on duty, or using or being under the influence of illegal drugs whether on or off duty;
  - r. possess a physical or psychological impairment which interferes with the judgment, skills or abilities required for the practice of practical nursing;
  - t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

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**Louisiana Revised Statute, Title 37, Chapter 11. Nurses, Part II. Practical Nurses, Section 969, et. seq.**

Furthermore, you should immediately submit to our office a detailed narrative response to the allegation.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF  
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

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Executive Director

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