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In the matter of:

**Rasheedah Taylor**  
**S.S. # ending in 3419**

This cause having come to be heard at a formal hearing conducted at the board office on **November 7, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.** upon the complaint filed in this matter.

1. The respondent was present for the scheduled hearing and did give sworn testimony. The hearing officer did not find the respondent credible.
2. The following witnesses testified:
  - Lt. Michael Ryan Young
  - Lt. Jeremy K. IvoryThe hearing officer found the witnesses to be credible.
3. Exhibits A-L were admitted into evidence at the hearing. Respondent's Exhibits 1 & 2 were later admitted into the record.
4. The hearing officer fully reviewed and considered the transcript of the hearing as prepared and certified by the court reporter, Dawn H. Hymel, CCR, who was present and recorded the hearing.

The hearing officer, having reviewed all evidence and testimony, and being fully advised in the premises, makes the following findings of fact and conclusions of law based on the entire record:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. On August 24, 2012, the board received the respondent's Student Evaluation form for admission into the practical nursing program at South Louisiana Community College- C.B. Coreil Campus. The respondent had previously been enrolled at T.H. Harris in July 2005, and later failed the program. (Exhibit B, hearing transcript pg. 38, line 14 through pg. 39, line 8)
2. In August 2010, the respondent was arrested and charged with the following:
  - Charge 1-Produce, manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess schedule II CDS (Modified to Attempted)
  - Charge 2-Produce, manufacture, distribute, dispense, possess schedule II CDS

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Charge 3-Transactions involving proceeds from drug offenses  
Charge 4-Violation of uniform controlled dangerous substances law.

On February 1, 2012, these charges were nolle prossed due to insufficient evidence. (Exhibit B, hearing transcript pg. 39, line 10 through pg. 43, line 24)

3. The respondent was also arrested on March 15, 2011 for simple battery, which was not reported to the board. The respondent stated the arrest was a result of an altercation she had with her child's father. The judge dismissed the charge and told the respondent the charge would not show up on her record. (Exhibit C, hearing transcript pg. 44, lines 22-23)
4. On December 30, 2013, the board received the respondent's First Time Writers Application requesting to take the NCLEX-PN to receive a practical nursing license in the state of Louisiana. (Exhibit E)
5. The board received information that the respondent was arrested for two (2) counts of identity theft and two (2) counts of attempted identity theft. On February 26, 2014, the board requested a narrative statement and certified court documents for her recent arrest.
6. On July 17, 2014, the board received the respondent's narrative statement. The respondent stated her coworker was going to discard a prepaid visa card, so the respondent told her coworker she would take it because she often used prepaid cards. The respondent stated the card had a \$0 balance. She loaded the card with her money and began to use it. Once she was arrested, the respondent was told the card had someone else's information on it. The respondent was charged with the following:

2/16/2014-Felony Identity Theft (2 counts)  
2/16/2014-Felony Attempted Identity Theft (2 counts)  
2/19/2014-Felony Attempted Access Device Fraud (2 counts)  
2/19/2014-Felony Access Device Fraud (2 counts)  
2/19/2014-Felony Anti Skimming Act.

(Exhibits H & L, Respondent's exhibit 1 & 2, hearing transcript pg. 47, line 7 through pg. 84)

After reviewing all evidence the hearing officer finds that the respondent has not proven that she has the good professional character to insure that she can consistently act in the best interest of the patients, clients and the public in any practical nursing setting.

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The respondent was given 15 days to supply supporting evidence to prove her testimony. Neither the bank statement from Chase Bank, nor the statement she supplied supported her testimony. (Respondent's Exhibit 1 & 2)

The board has jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof.

**CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

**Based on the facts set forth in the entire record and outlined herein above, the respondent is in violation of the following:**

1. The Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, Title 37, Chapter 11, Part II, Section 969 A. (4);
  - (b) is guilty of a crime;**
  - (c) is unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence habit, or other causes;**
  - (f) is guilty of unprofessional conduct;**
  - (g) has violated any provisions of this Part;**

**And 978 A (8) Violate any provisions of this Part and B.**

2. The Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 46, Part XLVII, Subpart 1, Sections § 306 T.
  2. **being guilty of a crime;**
  3. **being unfit, or incompetent by reason of negligence, habit or other causes;**
  8. **being guilty of unprofessional conduct;**
    - 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;**
    - 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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## **ORDER**

The matter of **Rasheedah Taylor, applicant for licensure**, on **March 13, 2015**, came on for final action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

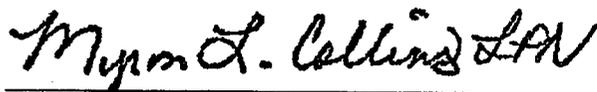
**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED**, that the respondent, **Rasheedah Taylor, applicant for licensure**, be **DENIED LICENSURE** as a practical nurse in the state of Louisiana and

- A. The respondent is to be fined \$500.00, **payable by cashier's check or money order only**, for the violations detailed in the conclusions of law, payable within **90 days** from the date of the board order.
- B. The respondent is hereby assessed a hearing assessment fee of \$500.00, **payable by cashier's check or money order only**, within **90 days** of the date of this board order.
- C. The respondent must pay any/all fines/fees owed to the board. Fines/fees are **payable by cashier's check or money order only**.

## **Public Records**

This order is public record. All disciplinary actions of the board will be reported to all required data banks and agencies as required by law.

Rendered this **13th** day of **March, 2015**, and signed this **13th** day of **March, 2015**, at Metairie, Louisiana.



**MYRON COLLINS, LPN  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD**



**M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mailed this **13th** day of **March, 2015**, by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt **#7014 2120 0003 8719 3011** and regular mail to the following address:

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