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**CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED  
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Theresa Romero  
600-2 L Dubois Rd.  
New Iberia, LA 70560

License # 970842

Dear Ms. Romero:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report is concerning an incident that occurred at Iberia Extended Care Hospital. On December 18, 2014, a reasonable suspicion drug screen was requested of you. You were noted to have unusual and suspicious behavior, syringes were seen in your bags, and a patient reported the absence of pain relief following your reported medication administration. Your drug screen results were positive for opiates (Morphine). You admitted to the board that you had a drug in your system that was not prescribed to you and that you took a family member's prescribed medication for your own use.

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, **Theresa Romero**, is hereby summarily suspended, pending proceedings for revocation or other action, in accordance with Louisiana law.

*M Lynn Ansardi RN*

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

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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:

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;
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;
  - c. failure to exercise technical competence in carrying out nursing care;
  - 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;
  - 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;
  - t. violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.

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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