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**CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
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Tiffany Polk
8035 Jones Vaughn Creek Rd., Lot E
St. Francisville, La 70775

License # 20120748

Dear Ms. Polk:

The Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners has received a report regarding your practice as a licensed practical nurse. The report indicates that on or about January 28, 2016, you were arrested for tax fraud. It alleges that you submitted state and federal income tax returns, without the taxpayer's knowledge, that contained fraudulent claims for tax credits and tax deductions. Also, in one instance you directed the refunds to a bank account you set up in the taxpayer's name and transferred the monies to your own bank account. You were charged for identity theft, attempted theft, computer fraud and filing or maintaining false public records.

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, **Tiffany Polk**, 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

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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:

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;**
 - h. **misappropriating personal items of an individual or the agency;**
 - i. **falsifying records;**
 - 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;**
 - 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 allegations as well as certified court documents showing the outcome of your arrest.

Also, the board hereby requires that you submit to a State and F.B.I. criminal background record check. Information on how to obtain the State background record is enclosed. In order to obtain the F.B.I. background records, please go to their website at www.fbi.gov.

Note: these are two different agencies. The State background information is mailed to the following address:

Louisiana State Police
Bureau of Criminal Identification and Information
P.O. Box 66614 (Mail Slip A-6)
Baton Rouge, LA 070896

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and for your records, the following is the physical address for the F.B.I.:

FBI CJIS Division - Record Request
1000 Custer Hollow Road
Clarksburg, West Virginia 26306

www.fbi.gov

Once you receive the information back from the F.B.I., you are to forward the information to the board office. The board will receive your State background check directly from the State Police Department.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
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