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**CERTIFIED MAIL
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Joshua Washington
PO Box 1094
Hahnville, LA 70057

License # 20150309

Dear Mr. Washington,

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 Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office. It alleges that on or about February 11, 2016, you were investigated and agreed to bring contraband in the form of a cell phone for \$250 in to the Tangipahoa Parish jail. During the investigation, you were witnessed entering the jail and was discovered with a marked cell phone and \$250 cash. Your vehicle was also searched and it revealed a large amount of tobacco, cell phones and a large amount of suspected synthetic marijuana and suspected marijuana. Also, during the investigation, it was stated that you admitted that the items were going to be brought to several inmates in the Tangipahoa Parish Jail and named the inmates as Cedric Banks and Jeremiah Jackson. Also you revealed information as to how many times and the amount of items that you personally had brought into the jail. You were arrested by the Tangipahoa Parish Sherriff's Office.

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

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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;**
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;**
 - j. **intentionally committing any act that adversely affects the physical or psychosocial welfare of the patient;**
 - 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 allegation.

Sincerely,

**LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF
PRACTICAL NURSE EXAMINERS**

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Executive Director

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