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In the matter of: Courtney Roberts
Applicant for Licensure - S.S. # ending in 7337
D.O.B. 5/18/1981

This cause having come to be heard upon the complaint filed herein, the evidence and testimony entered before the undersigned hearing officer on **February 10, 2016**. The nature of the hearing was to determine if the respondent is eligible for licensure in the state of Louisiana.

No witnesses were present for the board
No witnesses were present for the respondent
The respondent was **not** present at the formal hearing

1. Exhibits A-1 through L-1 were admitted into the record.

2. The hearing officer fully reviewed and considered the transcript of the hearing as prepared and certified by the court reporter, Joseph A Fairbanks, Jr., CCR, RPR who was present and recorded the hearing.

FINDINGS OF FACT

During the formal hearing process, the following facts were confirmed:

On July 10, 2015, the board received the respondent's application for endorsement to the State of Louisiana. On the application, the respondent answered **"YES"** to the question that asks the following:

> "Have you ever been indicted, charged with or summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, arrested (even if you were not taken away in handcuffs or incarcerated), fined, imprisoned or placed on probation or ordered to deposit bail for the violation of any law, police regulation or ordinance, misdemeanor and/or felony offense (except for minor traffic violations) whether or not charges were **expunged/dismissed and/or refused**; or have you ever been convicted (including a nolo contendere plea, guilty plea, or entered into a district attorney intervention program) of any criminal **misdemeanor and/or felony**?"

The respondent reported the following arrest(s):

- 05/2010-Identity Theft-DirecTV account
- 05/2010-Identity Theft-cell phone account

On May 28, 2010, the respondent was terminated from Willis-Knighton Health System, where she worked as a discharge specialist, for job abandonment- no rehire. On May 12, 2010, a detective from the Bossier Police Department notified the respondent's supervisor at Willis-Knighton that she had been arrested for identity theft. The detective stated that the respondent admitted to taking the personal patient information of two patients to set up a DirecTV and cell phone account. The respondent was placed on administrative leave without pay, due to external legal issues. The respondent was sent notice to contact her employer by May 28, 2010, for a status update of her legal circumstances. The respondent failed to contact her employer and was terminated.

In July 2013, the respondent had to withdraw from Northwest Louisiana Technical College because she was denied access to the clinical sites due to her arrest record.

The respondent entered a diversion program, successfully completed the program, and her charges were expunged. The respondent has submitted certified copies of her expungement.

The hearing officer did not find this respondent to be of good moral character, a requirement for practical nursing in the state of Louisiana. She was given a responsibility in a hospital setting and, in fact, committed identity theft on two patients in her care. Also noted in the record was that she was not allowed to conclude her education in the state of Louisiana because she was denied the right to enter into the clinical setting as a result of her crimes committed.

JURISDICTION

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;
- **d. violating the confidentiality of information or knowledge concerning a patient;**
- **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;**
- **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 **Courtney Roberts, applicant for licensure** on **July 29, 2016**, came on for final action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the respondent, **Courtney Roberts,** is hereby **DENIED LICENSURE** as a practical nurse in the state of Louisiana and

A. The respondent is to be assessed a hearing assessment fee of **$1,000.00, payable by cashier's check or money order only**, within **90 days** of the date of this board order.

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 **29th** day of **July, 2016** and signed this **29th** day of **July, 2016** at Metairie, Louisiana.

Myron L. Collins LPN

MYRON COLLINS, LPN
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mailed this **29th** day of **July, 2016** by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt **#7014 0150 0001 8287 7632** and regular mail to the following address:

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