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**In the matter of: Telisha Jenkins**  
**Applicant for licensure**  
**D.O.B. 09/09/1980**

This cause having come to be heard upon the complaint filed herein, the evidence and testimony entered before the presiding hearing officer on August 12, 2016. The nature of the hearing was prosecution of the matter.

There were no witnesses called to testify on behalf of the board.

The respondent was present and did give sworn testimony.

There were no witnesses called to testify on behalf of the respondent.

During the formal hearing process, the following findings of fact and conclusions were confirmed based on the entire record:

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

The major issues involved include, but are not limited to the following:

1. On the respondent's Evaluation for Admission to a Practical Nursing Program, she answered "yes" to question 19, which asks:

"Have you ever been indicted, charged with, summoned into court as a defendant in a criminal proceeding, arrested (even if you were not taken away in handcuffs or incarcerated), fined, imprisoned, 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 or guilty plea) of any criminal **misdemeanor and/or felony**?"

2. The respondent reported the following charges/arrests:
  - 6/18/2001 – 1) Aggravated Battery (F); 2) Criminal Damage to Property (M)
  - 9/5/2001 – Aggravated Arson – on 3/25/2002 she was found guilty of (F) Aggravated Arson, sentenced to serve 5 years hard labor, sentence suspended and she was placed on active felony probation for 5 years
  - 9/17/2009 – Battery, Domestic Abuse

The board received court documents indicating that all matters have been resolved.

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The hearing officer found the respondent to be credible. During her testimony the respondent was very remorseful regarding her past actions. In keeping with the board's mission to protect the public, the hearing officer recommends that the respondent be issued a probated license.

**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;**
  - (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;**
  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;**
    - t. **violating any provisions of R.S. 37:961 et seq. (the practical nursing practice act), as amended or aiding or abetting therein.**

## ORDER

The matter of **Telisha Jenkins, applicant for licensure, S.S. number ending with 1368**, on **November 4, 2016** came on for final action by the Louisiana State Board of Practical Nurse Examiners.

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED** that the respondent, **Telisha Jenkins, applicant for licensure**, be allowed to take the NCLEX-PN and upon successfully passing the NCLEX-PN be granted a practical nursing license which will be probated for no less than **six (6) months** with the following stipulations:

1. **License:**

A. The license of the respondent will be stamped "PROBATION".

2. **Fines/Fees:**

A. The respondent is hereby assessed a **\$500.00** hearing assessment fee, **payable by cashier's check or money order only** due within **three (3) months** of receiving a probated license.

B. The respondent is to submit a **\$500.00** annual probation monitoring fee, **payable by cashier's check or money order only**.

C. The probation monitoring fee is due within **three (3) months** of receiving a probated license and annually thereafter until the probation is satisfactorily completed.

D. Failure to pay this fee in the time allotted will result in the immediate suspension of the respondent's practical nursing license.

3. **Employment:**

A. The respondent shall provide a copy of the entire board order/consent order including the findings of fact and conclusions of law at the time of application to any/all prospective employer(s).

- i. Upon obtaining new employment as an lpn, the respondent shall enter into the board's **Employer's Agreement** (form(s) issued by board) with the prospective employer. The signed form(s) shall be submitted to the board office within **ten (10) days** of the date of hire.

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- B. All prospective employers must agree to allow the respondent's direct supervisor to monitor the respondent while on probation as well as timely submission of evaluations.
- C. Probation will run concurrent with employment as an lpn.
- D. The respondent must be employed a minimum of 80 hours per month.
- E. The probationary period will not commence or progress until and unless the respondent is employed and delivering direct patient care as a licensed practical nurse.
- F. Failure to maintain stable employment may be grounds for termination of probation.
- G. The respondent must practice under the supervision of a nurse (rn or lpn) or physician whose license is unencumbered and must provide direct patient care as follows:
  - i. The respondent must be supervised on a regular and consistent basis by his/her assigned supervisor. The supervisor must observe and work closely enough with the respondent to be able to give an informed evaluation of the respondent. The employer must be willing to allow this supervision and provide opportunities for the same supervisor to evaluate the performance of the respondent.
  - ii. It is the respondent's responsibility to ensure that his/her supervisor submits the evaluation reports quarterly.
    - a. Reports are due on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January, April, July, and October of each year. (Note: these forms will be provided to the employer)
    - b. Only the respondent's direct supervisor may complete the evaluations according to the observations made during the supervision.
- H. The respondent is prohibited from working in temporary staffing, as an agency nurse, for a nursing pool and/or in the home health setting, or in any other similar setting including but not limited to working in a teaching capacity, as a travel nurse and/or on an "as needed" basis - prn.

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- I. The respondent shall notify the board in writing within **ten (10) days** of any change in employment. Changes in employment include accepting a new job, as well as resignation, or termination.
- J. Upon obtaining a prescription for controlled/abuse potential substance(s) while holding a probated license, the respondent is responsible for informing his/her employer within **three (3) days** from the date of the prescription(s).

### **Violations**

The respondent is hereby notified that failure to comply with any stipulations of this order of the board may result in any or all of the following:

- a) denial of licensure
- b) immediate suspension of license,
- c) indefinite suspension of license,
- d) ineligibility for annual renewal of license,
- e) additional fines/penalties up to \$500.00 per occurrence,
- f) increased probationary period,
- g) summary suspension and
- h) revocation.

### **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 **4th** day of **November, 2016** and signed this **4th** day of **November, 2016** at Metairie, Louisiana

*Myron L. Collins LPN*

MYRON COLLINS, LPN  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

*M. Lynn Ansardi RN*

M. LYNN ANSARDI, RN  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mailed this **4th** day of **November, 2016**, by U.S. postal service certified mail return receipt #**7016 0600 0000 6616 3262** and regular mail to the following address:

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