

Mission:

To protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county & community efforts.



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Vision: To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation

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Case Number: [Redacted]

CONFIDENTIAL TO:

[Redacted]
[Redacted]
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Dear [Redacted]:

We are currently investigating the enclosed document received by the Department of Health. The information received is based on the investigation conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), which list students who did not complete the required education program hours and/or clinical training necessary to obtain either a practical nursing diploma and transcript or a nursing associate in science degree and transcript. Your name was provided as having received a degree, diploma, or transcript associated with the FBI's investigation.

Chapter 464, Florida Statutes, requires an applicant for licensure to have met the requirements of completing an approved prelicensure nursing education program. The application for licensure requires applicants to sign an affirmation, which states that "providing false information may result in disciplinary action pursuant to s. 456.072, F.S., or criminal penalties pursuant to s. 456.067, F.S." Based upon the information provided, the Department has determined that you may have violated the practice act regulating your profession by obtaining your license through fraudulent misrepresentation. Therefore, we have opened an investigation.

Within **20 days** of receiving this letter, you may:

- submit a written response to the address below; or
- call our office to schedule an interview; or
- sign the attached voluntary relinquishment form

Please provide a copy of your curriculum vitae and identify your specialty even if you choose not to submit a response. Include the above-referenced case number in any correspondence that you send.

Florida law requires that this case and all investigative information remain confidential until 10 days after the Probable Cause Panel has determined that a violation occurred, or you give up the right to confidentiality. You may make a written request for a copy of the investigative file, and it will be sent to you when the investigation is complete.

You are not required to answer any questions or give any statement, and you have the right to be represented by an attorney. It is not possible to estimate how long it will take to complete this investigation because the circumstances of each investigation differ.

The mission of the Department of Health is to protect, promote & improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. If you have any questions, please call us at

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] Investigator

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Enclosure: Case Summary, attachments and Voluntary Relinquishment.

CASE SUMMARY

CONFIDENTIAL

Case No: [REDACTED]

Please use this number in all correspondence with the Department concerning this matter.

RESPONDENT INFORMATION

License: [REDACTED] Profession: 1701 Registered Nurse
Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Home Phone: [REDACTED]

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

Name: Department Of Health/ Consumer Services Unit
Address: [REDACTED], FL
Home Phone: [REDACTED]

REPORTED INFORMATION

Receive Date: 02 [REDACTED] Source Code: 5 Form Code: 6
Responsible Party: [REDACTED] Status Code: 0
Classification Code: [REDACTED] Incident Date: [REDACTED] Complexity: Compact

Patient Name(s):

Possible Code(s): 6, 15, 18, 21

Summary:

Possible Violation of ss. 456.072(1)(h)(k)(m)(w)(dd), 464.0095, 464.018(1)(a)(o), F.S. Violate Statute/Rule of Board, Subject holds compact license, Obtaining license through Fraud/Error, Failure to Perform Legal Obligation, Deceptive/Fraudulent Representation Information received from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) alleges Subject received a fraudulent diploma and transcripts from [REDACTED] School of Nursing to obtain their RN Florida License.

Analyzed By: [REDACTED]