

**BEFORE THE OREGON
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

In the Matter of) **STIPULATED ORDER FOR**
Terry Mason) **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**
)
Certificate No. 200810472CNA) **Reference No. 16-01359**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing (Board) is the state agency responsible for licensing, regulating and disciplining certain health care providers, including Certified Nursing Assistants. Terry Mason (Certificate Holder) was issued a Certified Nursing Assistant certificate by the Board on March 11, 2008.

On or about March 1, 2016, the Board received information that Certificate Holder had been criminally charged with multiple counts involving theft and fraud. The Board opened an investigation into the matter.

On or about March 31, 2016, Certificate Holder pled guilty and was convicted of two counts of Making a False Claim for Health Care Payment and three counts of Theft in the First Degree. The charges related to conduct in which Certificate Holder submitted false documents in order to receive payments for healthcare services she did not provide.

By the above actions, Certificate Holder is subject to discipline pursuant to ORS 678.442(2)(a) & (f) and OAR 851-063-0090(1)(b), which provide as follows:

ORS 678.442 Certification of nursing assistants; rules.

- (2) In the manner prescribed in ORS chapter 183, the board may revoke or suspend a certificate issued under this section or may reprimand a nursing assistant for the following reasons:
- (a) Conviction of the certificate holder of a crime where such crime bears demonstrable relationship to the duties of a nursing assistant. A copy of the record of such conviction, certified to by the clerk of the court entering the conviction, shall be conclusive evidence of the conviction.
 - (f) Conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant in the performance of duties.

OAR 851-063-0090 Conduct Unbecoming a Nursing Assistant

A CNA, regardless of job location, responsibilities, or use of the title "CNA," whose behavior fails to conform to the legal standard and accepted standards of the nursing assistant profession, or who may adversely affect the health, safety or welfare of the public, may be found guilty of conduct unbecoming a nursing assistant. Such conduct includes but is not limited to:

- (1) Conduct, regardless of setting, related to general fitness to perform nursing assistant authorized duties:
 - (b) Demonstrated incidents of dishonesty, misrepresentation, or fraud.

Certificate Holder wishes to cooperate with the Board in this matter and wishes to voluntarily surrender her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate.

Therefore, the following will be proposed to the Oregon State Board of Nursing and is agreed to by Certificate Holder:

That the voluntary surrender of the Certified Nursing Assistant certificate of Terry Mason be accepted. If, after a minimum of three years, Ms. Mason wishes to reinstate her Certified Nursing Assistant certificate, she may submit an application to the Board to request reinstatement.

Certificate Holder agrees that she will not practice as a Certified Nursing Assistant from the date she signs this Order.

Certificate Holder understands that this Order will be submitted to the Board of Nursing for its approval and is subject to the Board's confirmation.

Certificate Holder understands that by signing this Stipulated Order, she waives the right to an administrative hearing under ORS 183.310 to 183.540, and to any judicial review or appeal thereof. Certificate Holder acknowledges that no promises, representations, duress or coercion have been used to induce her to sign this Order.

Certificate Holder understands that this Order is a document of public record.

Certificate Holder has read this Stipulated Order, understands this Order completely, and freely signs this Stipulated Order for Voluntary Surrender.

IT IS SO AGREED:

Terry Mason

Date

ORDER

IT IS SO ORDERED:

BOARD OF NURSING FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

Bonnie Kostelecky, MS, MPA, RN
Board President

Date