

**BEFORE THE OREGON  
STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

**In the Matter of  
Sarah Little, CNA**

**FINAL ORDER**

**Certificate No. 200212724CNA**

**Reference No. 10-01242**

The Oregon State Board of Nursing considered the matter at a regular meeting in Portland, Oregon on September 21, 2011. On August 12, 2011, a Notice of Proposed Suspension of Certification as a nursing assistant (Notice) was sent to Sarah Little (Certificate Holder) via certified mail to her address of record. The Notice alleged that Ms. Little had failed to cooperate with the Board during the course of an investigation. The Notice informed Ms. Little of her right to a hearing, if requested within 20 days of the date of mailing of the Notice. The Notice designated the Board's file on this matter as the record for purposes of default.

NOW THEREFORE, after consideration of its records and files related to this matter, the Board enters the following Order:

Based on the evidence submitted through the Notice and the agency file in this case, the Board finds the following:

- 1.1 That Certificate Holder has been a Certified Nursing Assistant in Oregon from October 10, 2002 to the present.
- 1.2 That on March 26, 2010, Certificate Holder was reported to the Board for accepting \$40.00 and groceries from a client under her care.
- 1.3 That on May 12, Certificate Holder met with Board staff and agreed to complete coursework on professional ethics.
- 1.4 That on July 20, 2011 Certificate Holder communicated to Board staff that she would provide the requested documentation.
- 1.5 That on July 15, 2011, a letter was sent to Certificate Holder's address of record, requesting she contact the Board within 10 business days to discuss the matter. She failed to do so.
- 1.6 That on July 26, 2011, a second letter was sent to Certificate Holder's address of record requesting she contact the Board within 5 business days to discuss the matter. The letter was returned as undeliverable, with a forwarding address.
- 1.7 That on August 2, 2011, a copy of the letter was mailed to Certificate Holder's forwarding

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address as provided on the returned mail. The letter requested that Certificate Holder contact the Board within 5 business days to discuss the matter. She failed to do so.

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2.1 The Board has jurisdiction over the Certificate Holder, Sarah Little, and over the subject matter of this proceeding.

2.2 That Certificate Holder's failure to cooperate with the Board during the course of an investigation is grounds for disciplinary action pursuant to ORS 678.442 (2) (f), OAR 851-063-0080 (6) and OAR 851-0090 (9) (a) and (c).

2.3 That Certificate Holder did not request a hearing within the allotted timeframe and thereby is in default on the Notice. Pursuant to ORS 183.417 (3) The Board may enter a Final Order by Default.

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ORDER**

Based on the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, and the Board being fully advised in the premises, it is hereby:

ORDERED that the nursing assistant certificate of Sarah Little is SUSPENDED for a minimum of two weeks, or until such time as Ms. Little has fully cooperated with the Board's investigation. The suspension will commence five business days from the date the Board Order is signed. Should the Board reinstate the nursing certificate of Ms. Little, she would be subject to whatever terms and conditions the Board may impose.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of September, 2011

**FOR THE BOARD OF NURSING OF THE STATE OF OREGON**

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Patricia Markesino, RN  
Board President

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