

**STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE
OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSING**

IN RE:)
ANNETTE MARIE JONES) **Docket No. 2021-88**
License No. 026.0017224)

STIPULATION AND CONSENT ORDER

STIPULATION

NOW COMES the State of Vermont, by and through State Prosecuting Attorney Rachel Heath, and the Respondent, Annette Marie Jones, who stipulate and agree as follows:

Board Authority

1. The Vermont State Board of Nursing (the “Board”) has authority to issue warnings or reprimands; suspend, revoke, limit, or condition current licenses; or prevent the renewal of lapsed licenses if, after disciplinary hearing, the Board finds that the Respondent has engaged in unprofessional conduct. 3 V.S.A. § 129(a); 3 V.S.A. § 129a; 3 V.S.A. § 814(d); 26 V.S.A. Chapter 28; the Administrative Rules of the Board of Nursing (the “ARBN”); and the Rules of the Office of Professional Regulation.

Stipulated Facts

2. Annette Marie Jones (“Respondent”) of Craftsbury, Vermont is licensed by the State as a Registered Nurse (“RN”) under license number 026.0017224. This license was issued on August 22, 1986 and will expire on March 31, 2023.
3. On March 29, 2019, Respondent submitted an application (“Application-2019”) to the Office of Professional Regulation (“OPR”) to renew her license as an RN.
4. In Application-2019, Respondent answered “NO” to the question:

Since your license was last renewed (or since it was issued if within the last two years):

Have you been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation (Driving Under the Influence and Driving While Intoxicated are not “minor traffic violations.”)

5. On July 19, 2017, Respondent was convicted of the misdemeanor offense “Vehicle Operation – Reckless or Gross Negligence” (a violation of 23 V.S.A. § 1091(b)) in Docket Number 171-2-17 Wrcr.

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6. On March 21, 2021, Respondent submitted another application (“Application-2021”) to OPR to renew her RN license.
7. In Application-2021, Respondent answered “No” to the question:

Are you currently UNDER INVESTIGATION or PENDING CHARGES for a professional, occupational, or professional services license, certificate, or registration in any licensing jurisdiction?
8. However, OPR had notified Respondent of a pending investigation on January 30, 2020.
9. In fact, Respondent replied to the investigation on February 3, 2020.
10. Thus, Respondent failed to disclose a criminal conviction on her 2019-Applications for renewal and further failed to disclose a pending investigation on her 2021-Application for renewal.

Violation One: 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(1) – Fraudulent or Deceptive Procurement or Use of a License.

11. The State re-alleges and incorporates Paragraphs 2 through 10 above.
12. Under Vermont law, Respondent is obligated to be truthful and accurate in the procurement of an RN license.
13. Paragraphs 2 thorough 10 above demonstrate that Respondent engaged in fraudulent or deceptive behavior in the procurement her RN license.
14. The act(s), omission(s), and/or circumstance(s) described above constitute grounds for discipline because Respondent committed unprofessional conduct in violation of 3 V.S.A. § 129a(a)(1).

Understandings

45. Respondent acknowledges that the facts above are true and that the conditions set out in the Consent Order below are appropriate and necessary to protect the public.
46. Respondent understands that the Board must review and accept the terms of the Consent Order. If the Board rejects any portion, the entire Stipulation and Consent Order shall be null and void.
47. Respondent specifically waives any claims that any disclosures made to the full Board during its review of this agreement have prejudiced Respondent’s rights to a fair and impartial hearing if this agreement is not accepted by the Board and proceeds to a contested hearing.

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48. Respondent has read and reviewed this entire document and agrees that it contains the entire agreement between the parties.
49. Respondent is not under the influence of any drugs or alcohol at the time Respondent signs this Stipulation and Consent Order.
50. Respondent voluntarily enters into this agreement after the opportunity to consult with legal counsel and is not being coerced by anyone into signing this Stipulation and Consent Order.
51. Respondent voluntarily waives Respondent's right to a contested hearing before the Board and waives any right to appeal from this Stipulation and Consent Order.
52. Respondent agrees that the Order set forth below may be entered by the Board.

ORDER

Based on the Stipulation above, it is **ORDERED AND ADJUDGED** as follows:

- A. The Board of Nursing hereby **WARNS** Respondent's license.
- B. Notwithstanding any provision above, the Respondent must continue to meet all Board requirements for maintaining a license, license renewal and license reinstatement.
- C. This Stipulation and Consent Order is a matter of public record and may be reported to other licensing authorities as provided in 3 V.S.A. § 129(a).
- D. This Stipulation and Consent Order will remain part of Respondent's licensing file and may be used for purposes of determining sanctions in any future disciplinary matter.
- E. This Stipulation and Consent Order shall be applicable as a matter of law to all other licenses issued by the Board of Nursing, as provided in 3 V.S.A. § 129(a).

AGREED TO:

STATE OF VERMONT
SECRETARY OF STATE

Dated: 1/6/22

By: /s/ Rachel Heath
Rachel Heath
State Prosecuting Attorney

ANNETTE MARIE JONES
RESPONDENT

Dated: 1/5/2022

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Annette Marie Jones

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APPROVED AND SO ORDERED:

VERMONT BOARD OF NURSING

Dated: 1/10/2022

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Chairperson

Date of Entry: 1/24/2022

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