

Covenant School of Nursing

Disciplinary Action Summary Assignment

Instructional Module 2

Student Name: Makenzie Lovato Date: 11/30/21 DAS Assignment # 1

Name of the defendant: Kristy Lamantha Andrews (Kristy Bridges) License number of the defendant: 704774

Date action was taken against the license: April 10, 2015

Type of action taken against the license: Remedial Education with a Fine

On March, 2004, Kristy submitted a Temporary License/Endorsement Application to the Board of Nurse Examiners for the State of Texas in which she provided false/misleading information. She answered "No" to the question: "Have you ever been convicted, adjudged guilty by a court, plead guilt or pled nolo contendere to any crime (felony or misdemeanor) whether or not a sentence was imposed (excluding minor traffic violations)?" The order states that on November 13, 2000, Kristy entered a plea of Guilty to and was convicted of THEFT BY CHECK reduced to ISSUANCE OF A BAD CHECK, a misdemeanor offence, committed on July 4, 2000, in the County Court, Cooke County, Texas, under Cause No Y00-45029.

Order states that on or about January 18, 2009, Kristy submitted an Online Renewal Document to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question: "Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offence, including those pending appeal: been convicted of a misdemeanor?; been convicted of a felony?;pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?; received deferred adjudication?; been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?; been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? Court-ordered confinement?; been granted pre-trial diversion?; been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?; been cited or charged with any violation of the law?; been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action." Kristy failed to disclose, on or about January 10, 2008, she entered a plea of Guilty to ISSUANCE OF A BAD CHECK, reduced to Class C misdemeanor offense, committed on June 21, 2007, in the County Court of Law, Cooke County, Texas, under Cause No. 53111.

Kristy could have communicated with the Texas Board of Nursing about her conviction as well as being truthful on both applications regarding her licensure. I feel that communication and being truthful about the situation would have benefited her in the long run and caused her less problems in the end. So instead of being truthful about her conviction, she got an extra charge added on because she was trying to keep up with the lie of not having been guilty of a crime. This particular case didn't harm a patient specifically, just her license and the way she could practice was at stake.

The action that I think a prudent nurse would take as the first person to discover the impairment or criminal activity cited in the disciplinary action is to let my charge nurse know immediately, even if Kristy was my friend. If I knew the specifics of why Kristy would have chosen to falsify whether she had a criminal offense and why she would have selected no, my immediate thought is "what could be happening to patients." To me, when you are a nurse you will always advocate for your patients first whether it puts you at a disadvantage or not with

your personal life. Things should be taken care of in your personal life first and foremost so things like this do not happen. Although things like bad checks sometimes happen, you always need to be truthful because you are just making the penalties worse on yourself for falsifying such things. I feel that Kristy is lucky to keep her license to practice in the State of Texas.