

IN AND BEFORE THE OKLAHOMA STATE BOARD  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE AND SUPERVISION  
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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STATE OF OKLAHOMA )  
EX REL. THE OKLAHOMA BOARD )  
OF MEDICAL LICENSURE )  
AND SUPERVISION, )

Plaintiff, )

v. )

ANITA JETAWN COOPER, R.C., )  
R.C. LICENSE NO. 2538 )

Defendant. )

Case No. 08-10-3598

**VOLUNTARY SURRENDER OF LICENSE**  
**IN LIEU OF PROSECUTION**

State of Oklahoma )  
OKIA County )

I, Anita Jetawn Cooper, R.C., being of lawful age and after first being duly sworn, depose and state as follows:

1. I hereby voluntarily surrender my Oklahoma respiratory care license no. RC2538.
2. The surrender of my license is freely and voluntarily made. I have not been subject to any coercion or duress, and I am fully aware of the consequences of the surrender of my license.
3. I am the subject of a Complaint before the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision involving allegations that if proven, would constitute grounds for disciplinary action by the Board.
4. The allegations to which I have plead guilty are as follows:
  - a. Defendant, Anita Jetawn Cooper, R.C., holds Oklahoma respiratory care license no. RC2538.

b. On or about May 21, 2009, after examining the exhibits introduced and hearing the testimony of the witnesses, the Board entered a Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction whereby Defendant was placed on **PROBATION** for a term of **FIVE (5) YEARS**. Defendant's probation was based upon Defendant's admission that she had stolen Lortab from the hospital where she was working, then lied about it to her employer. The Order provides that Defendant shall be on **PROBATION** as follows:

L. Defendant shall submit any required reports and forms on a timely, accurate and prompt basis to the Compliance Coordinator or his designee.

O. Defendant will keep current payment of all assessment by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision for prosecution, investigation and monitoring of her case, which shall include a one hundred dollar (\$100.00) per month probation monitoring fee.

Q. Defendant shall make herself available for one or more personal appearances before the Board or its designee upon request.

S. Failure to meet any of the terms of this Board Order will constitute cause for the Board to initiate additional proceedings to suspend, revoke or modify Defendant's license after due notice and hearing.

c. The provisions cited above have not been modified or deleted but remain in full force and effect as terms and conditions of Defendant's licensure under the terms of the Voluntary Submittal to Jurisdiction.

d. On or about March 25, 2010, Compliance Officer Gary Ricks contacted Defendant by phone wherein they agreed that Defendant would meet with Mr. Ricks at the Board offices on March 29, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss why Defendant had stopped sending in her required monthly reports and AA attendance form, as well as to discuss her outstanding debt to the Board in the amount of \$1,358.12.

e. On March 29, 2010, Defendant failed to appear for her meeting with Mr. Ricks. Mr. Ricks left Defendant a message on her cell phone requesting that she contact him. Defendant did not return the telephone call to Mr. Ricks.

- f. On March 31, 2010, Mr. Ricks left another message on Defendant's cell phone wherein he advised her that she was in violation of her probation. Defendant did not return Mr. Ricks' telephone call.
- g. By letter dated April 5, 2010, Mr. Ricks scheduled another meeting with Defendant at the Board offices to take place on April 19, 2010. Mr. Ricks sent this letter by certified mail but it was returned unclaimed. Defendant did not show up for the scheduled meeting on April 19, 2010.
- h. On April 28, 2010, Mr. Ricks attempted to make contact with Defendant at the residence she has listed in her licensure file. Mr. Ricks did not speak with Defendant but left his business card on the front door.
- i. On April 30, 2010, Mr. Ricks conducted a utility search and confirmed that Defendant lives at the address listed in her licensure file, which is the address Mr. Ricks visited and sent the certified letter to.
- j. Defendant is guilty of unprofessional conduct in that she:
  - i. Violated any provision of the medical practice act or the rules and regulations of the Board or of an action, stipulation, agreement or order of the Board in violation of OAC 435:45-5-3(24).
  - ii. Failed to cooperate with a lawful investigation conducted by the Board in violation of OAC 435:45-5-3(23).

5. I hereby submit my wallet card and wall certificate as evidence of my intent to surrender my license.

6. I hereby agree that I will not apply for reinstatement of my Oklahoma respiratory care license for a minimum of one year from the entry of the Order Accepting Voluntary Surrender in Lieu of Prosecution, and that if the Board ever reinstates my Oklahoma respiratory care license, it will be under terms of probation to be set by the Board at the time of reinstatement.

7. As a condition to accepting my surrender of license in lieu of prosecution, I acknowledge that the Board may require me to pay all costs expended by the Board for any legal fees and costs, and any investigation, probation and monitoring fees, including but not limited to staff time, salary and travel expense, witness fees and attorney fees.

DATED this 12 day of July, 2010.

Anita J. Cooper  
Anita Jetawn Cooper, R.C.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 12 day of July, 2010.

Janet Swindle

My commission expires on 8-22-2010 Notary Public



**ACCEPTED:**

Gerald C. Zumwalt  
Gerald C. Zumwalt, M.D.  
Secretary

Oklahoma State Board of Medical  
Licensure and Supervision

Date: 7-22-10