

**SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE :  
PROCEEDINGS :  
RE: PATRICK A. TOUSIGNANT, CRNA : **VOLUNTARY SURRENDER**  
 : **CONSENT ORDER**  
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License No. CR00785, :  
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Licensee. :

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WHEREAS, Patrick A. Tousignant, CRNA (“Licensee”), is licensed to practice as a certified registered nurse anesthetist in the State of South Dakota and holds License number CR00785; and

WHEREAS, that on or about January 15, 2014, the Licensee admitted to Board of Nursing investigator his diversion of Dilaudid from an employer for his own use; and

WHEREAS, Licensee has agreed that he would surrender his South Dakota nursing license to address his current situation; and

WHEREAS, the South Dakota Board of Nursing (“the Board”) has a statutory obligation to protect the public health, safety and welfare set forth in SDCL §36-9, including the protection of the public from unsafe nursing practices and practitioners; and

WHEREAS, Licensee agrees that the matters under investigation would be of a nature that would constitute grounds for the discipline of his license to practice nursing in South Dakota under SDCL § 36-9-49; and

WHEREAS, the Licensee agrees that he enters into this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order voluntarily and without duress or compulsion, in full understanding of the legal consequences of this document and his rights; therefore,

IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order.

2. That on or about January 15, 2014, the Licensee admitted to Board of Nursing investigator his diversion of Dilaudid from an employer for his own use.

Licensee has agreed that he would surrender his South Dakota nursing license to address his current situation, and now intends to leave the profession of nursing as a certified registered nurse anesthetist.

3. That the Licensee has been given an opportunity to discuss this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order with an attorney of Licensee's choice, and is aware of his right to a hearing in this matter, and of his rights under the United States and South Dakota Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee hereby voluntarily waives all such rights to a hearing, notice, appearance, or any other rights under said Constitutions, laws, rules and/or regulations. Licensee also agrees that the Board's Executive Director or her designee may present this Voluntary Surrender Consent Order to the Board and disclose