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**BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OF THE STATE OF UTAH**

IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSE OF)	SURRENDER
KARMA LOU FINLINSON)	STIPULATION AND ORDER
TO PRACTICE AS A)	
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSE)	CASE NO. DOPL 2009- <i>129</i>
IN THE STATE OF UTAH)	

KARMA LOU FINLINSON ("Respondent") and the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing of the Department of Commerce of the State of Utah ("Division") stipulate and agree as follows:

1. Respondent admits the jurisdiction of the Division over Respondent and over the subject matter of this action.
2. Respondent acknowledges that Respondent enters into this Stipulation knowingly and voluntarily.

3. Respondent understands that Respondent has the right to be represented by counsel in this matter and Respondent's signature below signifies that Respondent has either consulted with an attorney or Respondent waives Respondent's right to counsel in this matter.

4. Respondent understands that Respondent is entitled to a hearing before the State of Utah's Board of Nursing ("Board"), or other Division Presiding Officer, at which time Respondent may present evidence on Respondent's own behalf, call witnesses, and confront adverse witnesses. Respondent understands that by signing this document Respondent hereby knowingly and intelligently waives the right to a hearing, the right to call witnesses on Respondent's own behalf, the right to call witnesses, the right to confront adverse witnesses, and any other rights to which Respondent may be entitled in connection with said hearing. Respondent understands that by signing this document Respondent hereby knowingly and intelligently waives the right to all administrative and judicial review as set forth in §§ 63G-4-301 through 63G-4-405, and Utah Administrative Code R151-46b-12 through R151-46b-15.

5. Respondent waives the right to the issuance of a Petition and a Notice of Agency Action in this matter.

6. Respondent understands that this Stipulation and Order, if adopted by the Director of the Division, will be classified as a public document. The Division may release this Stipulation and Order, and will release other information about this disciplinary action against Respondent's license, to other persons and entities.

7. Respondent admits the following facts are true:

- a. Respondent was first licensed as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Utah on or about March 27, 1996.

- b. In April 2006 Respondent was observed to be impaired while working at a hospital in Utah. Respondent admitted that she had taken a number of drugs before arriving at work, including possibly Ativan, Ambien, Xanax, and methadone. Respondent admitted that she had a history of addiction to controlled substances.
- c. Respondent worked as a nurse in Utah without a license from February 1, 2008 to March 25, 2008, when Respondent failed to timely renew her license.
- d. Respondent has engaged in conduct, including the use of intoxicants, drugs, narcotics, or similar chemicals, to the extent the conduct might reasonably be considered to impair Respondent's ability to safely engage in the practice of nursing.
- e. Respondent desires to surrender Respondent's license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Utah as well as all residual rights pertaining to said license.

8. Respondent admits that Respondent's conduct described above is unprofessional conduct as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-501(2)(a) and (e), and unlawful conduct as defined in Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-501(1)(a), and that said conduct justifies disciplinary action against Respondent's license pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-401(2)(a) and (b). Respondent hereby surrenders Respondent's license to practice as a licensed practical nurse in the State of Utah. Respondent agrees that the issuance of the Order in this matter constitutes disciplinary action by the Division pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R156-1-102(7) and Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-401(2)(a) and (b). Respondent agrees not to reapply for licensure as a nurse in the State of Utah until Respondent is able demonstrate that Respondent has not used alcohol or drugs for which Respondent does not have a current valid prescription, for a period of at least one year, by providing monthly drug test results to the Division for the 12 months just prior to application. The Division does not guarantee that any future application by Respondent for licensure will be

granted. If the Division Director accepts the terms of this Stipulation and Order, Respondent forfeits all rights to practice as a nurse in the State of Utah. Respondent understands that Respondent will not receive any refund of license or renewal fees previously paid to the Division.

9. This Stipulation and Order, upon approval by the Director of the Division, shall be the final compromise and settlement of this non-criminal administrative matter. Respondent acknowledges that the Director is not required to accept the terms of this Stipulation and Order and that if the Director does not do so, this Stipulation and the representations contained therein shall be null and void, except that the Division and Respondent waive any claim of bias or prejudgment they might otherwise have with regard to the Director by virtue of his having reviewed this Stipulation, and this waiver shall survive such nullification.

10. This document constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes and cancels any and all prior negotiations, representations, understandings or agreements between the parties regarding the subject of this Stipulation and Order. There are no verbal agreements that modify, interpret, construe or affect this Stipulation.

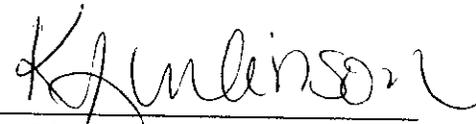
11. If Respondent violates any term or condition of this Stipulation and Order, the Division may take action against Respondent, including imposing appropriate sanction, in the manner provided by law.

12. Respondent has read each and every paragraph contained in this Stipulation and Order. Respondent understands each and every paragraph contained in this Stipulation and Order. Respondent has no questions about any paragraph or provision contained in this Stipulation and Order.

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RESPONDENT

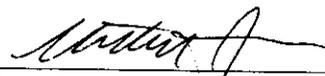
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BY: 
L. MITCHELL JONES
Counsel for the Division

DATE: 13 May 2009

ORDER

THE ABOVE STIPULATION, in the matter of **KARMA LOU FINLINSON**, is hereby approved by the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, and constitutes my Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in this matter. The issuance of this Order is disciplinary action pursuant to Utah Administrative Code R156-1-102(7) and Utah Code Ann. § 58-1-401(2)(a) and (b). The terms and conditions of the Stipulation are incorporated herein and constitute my final Order in this case.

DATED this 14th day of May, 2009.

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Interim Director

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