DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING
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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	:	
MICHAEL W. FRITCHEN	:	**NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION**
TO PRACTICE AS A	:	
REGISTERED NURSE	:	
IN THE STATE OF UTAH	:	Case No. DOPL-2009-329

THE DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING TO Michael W. Fritchen ("Respondent"), [redacted] North Salt Lake City UT 84054-5009:

The Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing ("the Division") hereby files this Notice of Agency Action. Said action is based upon the Verified Petition of Irene Woodford, Investigator, State of Utah, a copy of which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The adjudicative proceeding designated herein is to be conducted on a formal basis. **Within thirty (30) days of the mailing date of this Notice, you are required to file a written response with this Division.** The response you file may be helpful in clarifying, refining or narrowing the facts and violations alleged in the Verified Petition. Your written response should be mailed to the following address: Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Attn Disciplinary Files, 160 East 300 South, PO Box 146741, Salt Lake City UT 84114-6741.

You may represent yourself or be represented by legal counsel, at your own expense, at all times while this action is pending. Your legal counsel shall file with the Division an Entry of Appearance and until that Entry of Appearance is filed, the presiding officer will deal directly with you.

You are entitled by law to an evidentiary hearing to determine whether your license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of Utah should be subject to a disciplinary action.

Unless otherwise specified by the Director of the Division, the Board of Nursing will serve as fact finder in the evidentiary hearing. You will be notified by separate notice of the date, time, and place of that evidentiary hearing and of any other hearings.

During the evidentiary hearing, you will have the opportunity to present evidence, argue, respond, conduct cross-examination and submit rebuttal evidence to the fact finder. After the hearing, unless otherwise specified by the Director of the Division, the fact finder will issue findings of fact, conclusions of law and a recommended order to the Director of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing for his review and action.

The presiding officer for purposes of conducting hearings will be J. Steven Eklund, Administrative Law Judge, Department of Commerce, who will preside over any evidentiary issues and matters of law or procedure. If you or your attorney have any questions as to the procedures relative to the hearing, Judge Eklund can be contacted at P O Box 146701, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-6701. His telephone number is (801) 530-6648.

Counsel for the Division in this case is L. Mitchell Jones, Assistant Attorney General at (801) 366-0310 or P O Box 140872, Salt Lake City, UT 84114-0872. Within ten (10) days after the filing of your response, Mr. Jones will request the scheduling of a prehearing conference.

You, or if you have an attorney, your attorney, may attempt to negotiate a settlement of the case without proceeding to a hearing by contacting Mr. Jones.

Should you fail to timely file a response, as set forth above, or fail to attend or participate in any scheduled hearing in this case, including prehearing conference(s), you may be held in default without further notice to you. If you are held in default, the maximum administrative sanction consistent with the terms of the Verified Petition may be imposed against you. The maximum administrative sanction in this case is revocation of licensure and an administrative fine.

Please conduct yourself accordingly.

Dated this 21ST day of October, 2009.

W. Ray Walker

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Regulatory & Compliance Officer