

DELAWARE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: AJA M. TERRY) **Case No.: 11-106-15**
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LICENSE NO.: L1-0045410)
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ORDER ACCEPTING COMPLAINT AND GRANTING
EMERGENCY TEMPORARY SUSPENSION

AND NOW, this 31st day of December, 2015,

WHEREAS, the Delaware Department of Justice through the prosecuting Deputy Attorney General has filed with the Board of Nursing a written Complaint and Motion for Temporary Suspension; and,

WHEREAS, Respondent is a licensed registered nurse in the state of Delaware. Her license was issued on July 11, 2014, and she is employed at MeadowWood Hospital in New Castle, Delaware; and

WHEREAS, said Complaint and Motion allege, among other things, that the Respondent was arrested in Delaware for crimes committed in Maryland in connection with the abuse of her three month old twins, and the death of one of the children. Respondent was charged in Maryland with Murder 1st Degree, Child Abuse 1st Degree (two counts), and Assault 1st Degree (two counts), crimes substantially related to the practice of nursing; and

WHEREAS, the allegations if substantiated at a formal hearing constitute unprofessional conduct under numerous provisions of the Nursing Practice Act, including but not limited to, 24 *Del. C.* § 1922(a)(3), (8), (9), and (10), and Board Regulations 10.4.1, and 10.4.2.5; and

WHEREAS, Respondent and/or her legal counsel was given at least 24 hours' written or oral notice so that she or her counsel could file a written response in opposition to entry of an Order of Temporary Suspension together with a copy of the Complaint in compliance with 24

Del. C. § 1923(a); and Respondent did not file an Answer to the State's Complaint; and

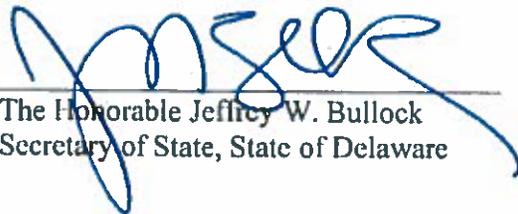
WHEREAS, after reviewing the allegations in the State's Complaint *in toto*, said Complaint highlights the serious nature of Respondent's offenses. Further, the undersigned have an obligation to ensure the public health is protected. After due consideration of the Complaint and the Motion, the Secretary of State or his designee with the concurrence of the Board President or his designee have therefore determined that the available information is sufficient to support the entry of an Order temporarily suspending Respondent's license to practice nursing in the State of Delaware in that there is a reasonable belief that Respondent's continued practice presents a clear and immediate danger to the public health;

IT IS SO ORDERED this 31st day of December, 2015:

1. That the Motion for Emergency Suspension of Aja M. Terry's registered nursing license in Delaware (License No.: L1-0045410) is granted;
2. That Aja M. Terry shall be served with a copy of this Order as provided in 24 *Del. C.* § 1923(b) and notice shall be provided to all other agencies listed therein;
3. That Complaint No. 11-106-15 is accepted by the Board as the Formal Complaint and shall be assigned to a hearing officer to be scheduled in accordance with 24 *Del. C.* § 1923(d) and 29 *Del. C.* § 8735(v)(1)d to hear evidence related to the Formal Complaint; and
4. That pursuant to 24 *Del. C.* § 1923(c) Ms. Terry may request an expedited hearing provided that the Board receives the request within 5 calendar days of the date Ms. Terry is notified of this Order.



Robert Contino, R.N.
President, Board of Nursing



The Honorable Jeffrey W. Bullock
Secretary of State, State of Delaware