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10 **BEFORE THE**
11 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**
12 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
13 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:
14 CARLENE A. BENVENUTI,
a.k.a. CARLENE ANN BENVENUTI
15 1091 Bluestem Trail
Perris, CA 92571
16 Registered Nurse License No. 366432
17 Respondent.

Case No. 2008-183

A C C U S A T I O N

19 Complainant alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

- 21 1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. ("Complainant") brings this Accusation
22 solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing
23 ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs.
24 2. On or about September 30, 1983, the Board issued Registered Nurse
25 License Number 366432 to Carlene A. Benvenuti, also known as Carlene Ann Benvenuti
26 ("Respondent"). Respondent's registered nurse license was in full force and effect at all times
27 relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on February 28, 2009, unless renewed.

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CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE AT ISSUE

9. "Methamphetamine" is a Schedule II controlled substance as designated by Health and Safety Code section 11055, subdivision (d)(2).

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Self-Administration of a Controlled Substance)


10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action pursuant to Code section 2761, subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by Code section 2762, subdivision (a), in that in or about October 2003, Respondent self-administered the controlled substance methamphetamine without lawful authority. On or about October 19, 2003, Respondent's neighbor asked her if she wanted a "line" of speed (methamphetamine). Respondent "snorted" a portion of the speed, then self-administered the remaining portion of the controlled substance on or about October 20, 2003.

PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 366432, issued to Carlene A. Benvenuti, also known as Carlene Ann Benvenuti;
- 2. Ordering Carlene A. Benvenuti, also known as Carlene Ann Benvenuti, to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
- 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 12/5/07


RUTH ANN TERRY, M.P.H., R.N.
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant