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**BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD
OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**

**NUMBER 16-A-002
IN THE MATTER OF**

ROKEISHA LANAI BARRIOS, CLP
Respondent

DECISION AND ORDER

**ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING
HELD ON MAY 9, 2016**

This matter came before the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") on May 9, 2016 on an Administrative Complaint that charges Respondent, Rokeisha Lanai Barrios, (hereinafter "Ms. Barrios" or "Respondent"), formerly licensed to practice as a Clinical Laboratory Assistant (Certificate No. 202573-LAB), with fraud and deceit in the submission of her application for renewal for the years 2014-2015. The complaint charges Respondent with violations of the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law. The complaint alleges that Respondent's violations form a basis for the denial of her license renewal application for a CLP license and other appropriate disciplinary action. The matter was heard before a panel consisting of Drs. Farris, Valentine, Amusa, Dawson with Dr. Burdine presiding.

At the time scheduled for the hearing, neither the Respondent nor an attorney representing the Respondent appeared or had contacted the Board.

Complainant counsel, Adam Gulotta offered a booklet containing five exhibits, certified for authenticity, representing the official record of Respondent on file with the Board. These exhibits were accepted into evidence without objection. Complainant also called Joseph Bonck, Board Investigator, who testified that Board Investigator Lester St. Amant personally served the Respondent with the administrative complaint and notice of the May 9, 2016 hearing on April 22, 2016.

Based on the testimony of Mr. Bonck and the exhibits he identified, the Board determined that Respondent received timely notice of these proceeding.

The Complaint charges the Respondent with the following violations:

1. La. R.S. 37:1326 A (6) as a result of Respondent's fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license or certificate to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science.
2. La. R. S. 37:1326 A (1) by performing any clinical laboratory procedure or category of procedures not authorized by license or certificate.

The Exhibits and the unchallenged testimony of Joseph Bonck support the following findings of fact and conclusions of law by a preponderance of evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACTS

The Board finds that Respondent failed to disclose her June, 2014 arrest for criminal trespass, criminal damage, domestic stalking, and cyber stalking to the Board on her license renewal application for 2014-2015. On her application, Respondent answered "No" to the question that would have required her to divulge the information about her arrest. The evidence also established that Respondent, using the alias of Rokeisha Maldon, had been providing laboratory services at the Plaquemines Medical Center for seven months during 2014 as a clinical lab specialist. Respondent was also in possession of an LSBME "wallet card" under the alias name at Respondent's address, with her prior license #202573, showing the designation SPE. Mr. Bonck testified that the Board had never issued such a license to Respondent or Rokeisha Maldon and the card in Respondent's possession was a forgery.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Pursuant to La. R. S. 49:955 (D) the Board Panel is authorized to make an adjudication of a complaint by default where the Respondent does not appear and does not participate in the hearing provided acceptable methods of notifying the Respondent were employed and competent and credible evidence, supporting the allegations contained in the Administrative Complaint, is presented. The Hearing Panel has concluded that notice to the Respondent was appropriate and competent and credible evidence was presented to support the allegations contained in the complaint.

Based on the preceding findings of fact, the panel concludes that Respondent violated La. R. S. 37:1326 A (6) by fraud and deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license or certificate to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science and La. R. S. 37:1326 A (1) by performing any clinical laboratory procedures or category of procedures not authorized by license or certificate.

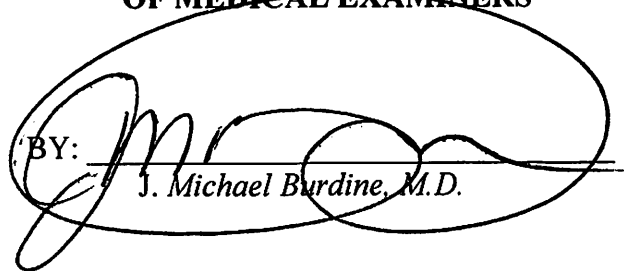
These violations provide a legal basis pursuant to the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law to deny or refuse an application for licensure.

SANCTIONS

Based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, **IT IS ORDERED** that Respondent's applications for CLP license is hereby **DENIED**. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any future application for any form of license available under the Louisiana Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law submitted by Rokeisha Lanai Barrios or under the name Rokeisha Maldon or any other alias likewise be **DENIED**. **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that Respondent be assessed all cost of these proceedings and that this Decision and Order shall be, and shall be deemed to be, a public record.

NEW ORLEANS, LA, this 13th day of June, 2016.

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BY: 
J. Michael Burdine, M.D.