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BEFORE THE LOUISIANA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

NUMBER: 06-A-015

IN THE MATTER OF:

**CARLENE JOSEPHINE ALDAMA, CLP
(Applicant)**

OPINION AND RULING

Applicant, Carlene Josephine Aldama has applied for licensure as a Clinical Laboratory Assistant. On her application she answered, under oath, "No" to the question "Have you ever, either as an adult or juvenile, been cited, arrested, charged, convicted or pled nolo contendere to violation of any a) state statute?; b) federal statute?"

A routine criminal background check conducted in connection with her application revealed that this answer was false, and that Ms. Aldama had a number of arrests and attachments against her arising from a number of charges. The most serious of these was a felony theft, for which she was placed on probation. There was also a charge of stalking, which was apparently dismissed, and a number of traffic violations. She also had a number of arrests arising out of her disregard for the legal process, failure to appear for hearings, and violations of her probation.

After learning of these various offenses, the Board notified Ms. Aldama of its intent to deny her application, and she requested a hearing. The Administrative Complaint herein was filed pursuant to that request. A Pre-Hearing Conference was scheduled, for which, despite proper notice, Ms. Aldama failed to attend. This hearing was then scheduled, and, once again, despite proper notice, Ms. Aldama failed to appear.

The hearing was held, under the provisions of R. S. 37:1285.1, before Drs. Bourgeois and Amusa, President, constituting less than a quorum of the Board. As provided in the said statute, Drs. Bourgeois and Amusa have provided their recommendations relative to findings of fact, conclusions

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of law, and sanctions, together with all exhibits and a full transcript of the hearing, to the remaining members of the Board. This decision has been reached without further input from the hearing panel.

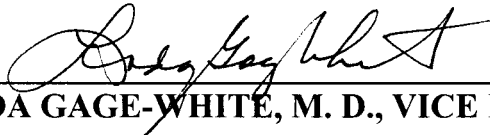
We have reviewed the entire record, and find that Ms. Aldama was not truthful on her application, and that she has not offered to the Board any reason why her application should not be denied. She has failed to appear for either the Pre-Hearing Conference or the hearing of this matter, which appears to be consistent with her behavior while subject to the authority of the criminal courts.

The only charge against her is that she violated R.S. 37:1326A(6), which proscribes fraud or deceit in attempting to procure a license or certificate to engage in the practice of clinical laboratory science. By lying on her application as to her criminal history, she is clearly guilty of violating the said provision of the Clinical Laboratory Personnel Law.

We therefore **DENY** the application of Carlene Josephine Aldama for a license to practice as a Clinical Laboratory Assistant. She is to pay all costs of this proceeding.

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, this 19th day of March, 2007.

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BY: LINDA GAGE-WHITE, M. D., VICE PRESIDENT