

1 **BEFORE THE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS**
2 **OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

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4 **In The Matter of an Investigation of**)
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6 **ANTHONY CRUZ, C.R.T.**)
7)
8 **License No. RC598**)

Case No. 10-23453-1

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NEVADA STATE BOARD OF
MEDICAL EXAMINERS
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9 **ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION**

10 On August 18, 2010, Board Staff presented evidence and information to the Investigative
11 Committee, composed of Charles N. Held, M.D., Chair, Theodore Berndt, M.D., Member, and
12 Valerie Clark, BNS, RHU, LUTCF, Member, regarding Anthony Cruz, C.R.T. Upon review of the
13 evidence and information presented by Board Staff, the Investigative Committee hereby
14 **IMMEDIATELY SUSPENDS** the license to practice respiratory care of Anthony Cruz, C.R.T.
15 (hereinafter "Mr. Cruz") pursuant to NRS 630.326(1) based upon the following preliminary findings:

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17 1. Mr. Cruz is licensed to practice respiratory care in the state of Nevada and was
18 originally licensed on December 31, 2001.

19 2. On August 3, 2010 Mr. Cruz was working at Summerlin Hospital and was reported to
20 be exhibiting signs of impairment. Mr. Cruz was requested to submit to a ten-panel urine drug screen
21 and he agreed to do so.

22 3. Results of the drug screen were forwarded to Summerlin Hospital a few days later and
23 showed that Mr. Cruz was positive for methamphetamine at the time of the test.

24 4. On August 9, 2010, Mr. Cruz was terminated from Summerlin Hospital
25 The Investigative Committee believes that due to Mr. Cruz's use of an illegal narcotic
26 substance, specifically methamphetamine, and being under its influence while providing respiratory
27 care, that the health, safety and welfare of the public is at imminent risk of harm and that a summary
28 suspension of Mr. Cruz's license to practice respiratory care is necessary to remove said risk of


1 imminent harm to the health, safety and welfare of the public. Accordingly, pursuant to
2 NRS 630.326(1):

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the license to practice respiratory care in the state of
4 Nevada of Anthony Cruz, C.R.T., (License No. RC598) is hereby suspended until further order of the
5 Investigative Committee or Board; and

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that a hearing be set within forty-five (45) days of this Order
7 regarding this matter pursuant to NRS 630.326(2) to determine the appropriateness of this
8 suspension, unless the parties mutually agree to a longer period of time.

9 DATED this 19th day of August, 2010.

10 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE OF
11 NEVADA STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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13 By: 
14 Charles N. Held, M.D.
15 Investigative Committee Chair
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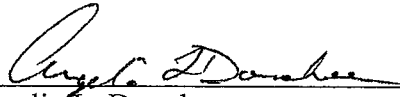
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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I am employed by Nevada State Board of Medical Examiners and that on 19th day of August 2010; I served a file copy of the ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION, by mailing via USPS certified return receipt to the following:

Anthony Cruz
c/o Melissa Dillard
1031 NE Cordero Place
Oak Harbor, WA 98277

Dated this 19th day of August 2010.



Angelia L. Donohoe
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