LOUISIANA BEHAVIOR ANALYST BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF LORITA SLAUGHTER, ABA INVESTIGATION NO. 2015-002C

CONSENT ORDER

- 1. LORITA SLAUGHTER, ABA ("SLAUGHTER") is, and was at all times material to the facts and matters alleged herein, licensed by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board ("LBAB") as a behavior analyst in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by License No. L-033.
- 2. On or about September 26, 2015 a complaint was lodged against SLAUGHTER alleging the criminal offenses of simple burglary and theft of business records.
- 3. On or about February 18, 2016, SLAUGHTER was indicted and charged with Unauthorized Use of a Movable in the case entitled State of Louisiana versus Lorita Slaughter, case number 2016-CR-191762, of the 12th Judicial District Court, Parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana.
- 4. On or about September 22, 2016, SLAUGHTER appeared in court and accompanied by counsel, George Higgins, and entered a plea of "NOLO CONTENDRE". As a result of her plea, SLAUGHTER was sentenced to six (6) months in the Avoyelles Parish jail, receiving credit for time served since the date of arrest and suspended said sentence, placing SLAUGHTER on supervised misdemeanor probation for a period of one (1) year. As a condition of the probation, SLAUGHTER was ordered to pay a fine of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00), plus Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) in court costs, plus Two Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$250.00) in prosecution costs and a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) per month supervision fee.

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- 5. Prior to the plea and disposition of the criminal matter, the LBAB opened an investigative file and began a formal investigation of the charges levied against SLAUGHTER. Notice of the investigation was provided to SLAUGHTER via email and certified mail on March 4, 2016. As part of the notice, SLAUGHTER was provided with an explanation of her rights, potential violations, and the potential discipline possibly resulting therefrom.
- 6. The LBAB concluded its investigation and provided notice of same on or about October 5, 2016. As part of the administrative complaint process, the LBAB notified and afforded SLAUGHTER an informal, face-to-face meeting to discuss SLAUGHTER'S version of the pertinent events and afford her the opportunity to show compliance with all requirements for the retention of her license.
- 7. The informal meeting among and between LBAB and SLAUGHTER occurred on the morning of October 18, 2016. Present in the meeting were SLAUGHTER, Jennifer Longwell, LBAB Chair, Rhonda Boe, Executive Director of the LBAB, and Mark D. Boyer, legal counsel to the LBAB.
- 8. As a result of the informal meeting noted above, the parties agreed to the following discipline:
 - a. SLAUGHTER'S Behavioral Analyst License shall be suspended for one (1) year, beginning October 18, 2016 and ending on October 18, 2017;
 - b. SLAUGHTER will comply with all continuing education requirements for the 2016 calendar year, which includes thirty-two (32) hours of continuing education hours (four (4) hours in ethics), all to be completed by December 31, 2016;
 - c. SLAUGHTER agrees to complete an additional four (4) hours of ethics training prior to the conclusion of her suspension on October 18, 2017;
 - d. SLAUGHTER agrees and will complete all renewal requirements as a licensed Behavioral Analyst for the current year and each successive year in which she intends to practice;
 - e. Failure by SLAUGHTER to adhere to the aforementioned requirement of this Consent Order will result in a revocation of her license.
- 9. By signing this Consent Order, SLAUGHTER acknowledges that the LBAB reserves the right to request changes in this Consent Order if errors are found or other objections raised. The same right shall be afforded to SLAUGHTER should the LBAB exercise its right to request changes in this Consent Order.

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Therefore, this Consent Order was presented to LBAB.

By consent of SLAUGHTER, it is ordered that the license of SLAUGHTER to engage in a practice as a Behavioral Analyst in the State of Louisiana, as evidenced by License No. L-033 shall be and is hereby suspended as of the date of October 18, 2016, and upon SLAUGHTER'S acceptance of the terms and conditions as noted herein and above.

IT IS FURTHERED ORDERED that this Consent Order shall be, and hereby is, a disciplinary action by the Louisiana Behavior Analyst Board, subject to all applicable reporting requirements under the rules governing the practice of applied Behavior Analysis in the State of Louisiana and is deemed public record under LSA-R.S. 44:1(A)(2) Subject to any applicable exceptions.

Date: 12/13/16

I BAB Chair

Date: 12 - 1 - 16

LORITA SLAUGHTER