

State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health  
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

CARMEN YOLANDA RIVERA (CO7-214)

**ORDER**

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. (2001 Reenactment) Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder, the Rhode Island Department of Health (hereinafter "Department"), after review and consultation with the Advisory Board for Nursing Assistants, has investigated a complaint charging CARMEN YOLANDA RIVERA (NA05574-T) (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws.

After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with the respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by Mount St. Francis, Woonsocket, RI.
3. That is, on or about 19 November 2005, the Respondent was assisting a resident with ambulating and the resident fell and fractured her hip. Respondent did not utilize the gait belt per the resident's care plan.
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enter the following:

1. That this Order shall become part of the public record of this proceeding.
2. That Respondent is issued the sanction of a Reprimand.

Entered as an Order by the Department of Health at a meeting held on 2 October 2007.

Ordered this 29<sup>th</sup> day of October 2007

Charles Alexandre

Charles Alexandre, Chief  
Health Professions Regulation