

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Daniel Switzer

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 Daniel Switzer, NA (hereinafter "Respondent") with a violation of Section 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws.

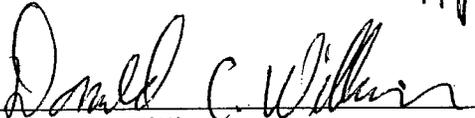
After consideration by the Department, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent:

1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That at all pertinent times, Respondent was employed as a nursing assistant.
3. That on or about 7 May 2002, Respondent conducted himself unprofessionally in that he was employed at Evergreen House where there was a loss or theft of controlled substances (Methadone and Vicodin), and he had access to both medications. He also called in refills to the pharmacy on one occasion in which the medication had been discontinued and another in which medication had no refills. Mr. Switzer is also noted to have signed for a delivery of Vicodin which became missing.
4. The conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct in

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

1. Nursing Assistant certification issued to the Respondent is hereby revoked for a period of not less than five (5) years commencing on 15 May 2003.
2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant certification, Respondent shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that Respondent is capable and competent to engage in the practice of Nursing Assistant. In addition, Respondent must meet all education requirements for licensure in effect at the time Respondent applies for licensure.
3. That should Respondent fail to comply with the terms of this Order, Respondent shall be subject to further disciplinary sanctions.
4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

Ordered this 17th day of April 2003


Donald C. Williams

Associate Director, Health Services Regulation