

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

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ELLEN JOHNSON, NA (CO5-512)

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 Ellen Jennings (NA21491) (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:

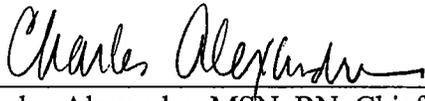
1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed as a Nursing Assistant at St. Elizabeth Home, E. Greenwich, Rhode Island.
3. That Respondent had several misdemeanor convictions including shoplifting on 25 May 2005 for which you pled nolo contendere, misdemeanor larceny <\$500 on 24 July 2004 for which you pled nolo contendere, misdemeanor-driving with a suspended license-found guilty by a judge on 20 February 1996 and five (5) counts of uttering fraudulent checks on 6 September 1994 for which you pled nolo contendere to both counts and two (2) felony convictions including forgery and counterfeiting on 14 April 2004 for which you pled nolo contendere and a charge of tampering with a motor vehicle on 21 July 2003 for which you pled nolo contendere.
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 enters the following:

1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby suspended for a period of not less than five (5) years commencing upon the 5 January 2006.

2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, 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 18 day of November 2005



Charles Alexandre, MSN, RN, Chief
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