

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Jodie Schaefer

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 complaint charging Jodie Schaefer, 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 all pertinent times, Respondent was employed as a Nursing Assistant at Hallworth House, Providence, Rhode Island.
3. On or about 28 July 2003, Respondent entered into a Consent Order with the Department wherein Respondent's nursing assistant license was placed on probation for a two (2) year period of for unprofessional conduct in that on or about 28 January 2002, Respondent applied for licensure by endorsement and the Department was notified that she may have been convicted of criminal act(s) which may be a felony. That on or about 9 September 2003, Respondent was found not to be in compliance with said Consent Order in that Respondent did not notify the Department of a lapse/change in employment, and that quarterly reports were not submitted.
4. On or about 12 August 2003, Respondent stole a patient's cell phone and incurred three hundred thirty-two dollar and fourteen cent (\$332.14) in charges. Respondent plead nolo contendere to the charge of larceny over \$500.
5. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) and four (4) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 (3) 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 7 May 2004.
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 28th day of April 2004

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Charles Alexandre, MSN, RN, Acting Chief
Health Professions Regulation