

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Kess A. Campbell (C09-730)

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 Kess A. Campbell (NA24554) (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 by Eleanor Slater Hospital, Pascoag, RI.
3. That is, on or about August 12 and September 24, 2009, Respondent found sleeping on duty and reported to work unfit for duty, respectively. Respondent revealed symptoms of drowsiness, dizziness and difficulty in concentration and in speech; Respondent admitted to have taken prescription medication prior to work.
4. That is, on or about August 10, 2009, Respondent stole \$120 cash, credit cards and a cell phone, which the Respondent used for personal use, from different employees.

5. That the conduct described in paragraphs three (3) and four (4) 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 three (3) years commencing May 11, 2010.
2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant license, Respondent shall submit documentation evidencing that Respondent is capable and competent to engage in the practice of a Nursing Assistant. Such documentation to include evidence of participation in a treatment program for substance abuse addiction. In addition, Respondent must meet all educational 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 become part of the public record of this proceeding.

Ordered this 17th day of May 2010



Charles Alexandre, RN, MSN
Chief, Health Professions Regulation