State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Kimberly Dizon

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 Kimberly Dizon (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.

3. That is, on or about 25 May 2002, Respondent witnessed a licensed practical nurse put pills in the ginger ale of a resident for the purpose of making the resident lethargic, and did not report this until the following day. Further, Respondent was aware that the resident fell out of bed and onto the floor and did not seek assistance in returning the resident to bed and allowed the resident to remain on the floor for approximately 45 minutes.

4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) 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 one (1) year commencing upon the 23 April 2003.

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 4th day of April 2003

Donald C. Williams

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Associate Director, Health Services Regulation