

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Linda Ann Rodrigues - C11-754

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 Linda Ann Rodrigues - NA04503 (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 the 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 Coventry Home Care, Coventry, RI.
3. That is, on or about August 2011, Respondent stole several jewelry items, valued over \$19,000, from a home care client and sold the jewelry to pawn shops. On August 7, 2011, Respondent admitted such activity and was arrested and charged with a felony for larceny.
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 enter the following:

1. Nursing Assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby revoked for a period of five (5) years commencing upon December 9, 2011.
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 the 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 2011


Ed D'Arezzo
Interim Associate Director of Health
Environmental and Health Services Regulation