State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Lois A. Roberts (C10-151)

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"), has investigated a complaint charging Lois A. Roberts (NA18272) (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 Lifetime Medical Support Services, Lincoln, RI.

3. That is, on or about the Fall of 2009 through the Spring of 2010, Respondent embezzled $2,253 in cash from a home care client that was intended to purchase money orders to pay the client's co-payment for home care services; NA admitted she used the funds for personal use. Respondent was arrested on April 1, 2010 for Obtaining Money Under False Pretenses.

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 revoked for a period of five (5) years commencing June 4, 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. 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 19th day of May 2010

Charles Alexandre

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Chief, Health Professions Regulation