

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
HEALTH PROFESSIONS REGULATION**

vs.

MELISSA ARDREY

ORDER

Pursuant to Section 23-17.9-8 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2001 Reenactment, 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 Melissa Ardrey (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 and licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about 7 November 2001 Respondent plead guilty to first degree robbery and was sentenced to seven (7) years, suspended with seven (7) years probation; and that Respondent plead guilty to felony conspiracy and was sentenced to seven (7) years suspended with seven (7) years probation concurrent.
3. That on or about 12 December 2003, pursuant to an Order of the Department Respondent's nursing assistant license was placed on a period of probation for two (2) years; that pursuant to paragraph seven (7) Respondent is prohibited from working in a home nursing care agency.

4. That Respondent is not in compliance with said Order in that on or about 18 December 2003 Respondent, while employed by Homefront Health Care, Respondent did take three (3) pieces of jewelry from a patient; that on or about 8 January 2004 Respondent did plead Nolo Contendere to a charge of misdemeanor larceny and was sentenced to one (1) year probation.

Based upon the foregoing, the Department hereby enters the following Order:

1. That the nursing assistant license issued to the Respondent is hereby revoked effective 16 April 2004.
2. That Respondent shall not reapply for reinstatement of the nursing assistant license for a period of at least five (5) years.
3. That at the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the nursing assistant license, Respondent shall submit documentation to the Department evidencing that Respondent is capable and competent to engage in practice as a nursing assistant. Further, Respondent must meet all education requirements for licensure in effect at the time Respondent applies for licensure.
4. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order of the Department.

Ordered this 2nd day of April 2004



Charles Alexandre, Acting Chief
Health Professions Regulations