

State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Melissa Escomilha (C09-734)

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 Melissa Escomilha (NA38305) (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:

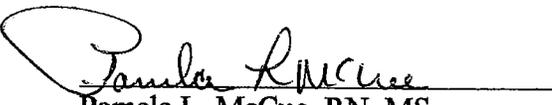
1. Respondent is a Nursing Assistant licensed to practice in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by Ocean State Nursing Services, Inc., Cumberland, RI.
3. That is, on or about October 10, 2009, Respondent stole several pieces of jewelry, which was identified at a local pawnshop; stole approximately \$400 in cash; and stole prescription and non-prescription medications for personal use from a home care client.
4. Respondent exhibited inappropriate behavior and acted in a manner inconsistent with the professional demeanor required and expected of a nursing assistant to the same home care client.

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 revoked for a period of five (5) years commencing February 5, 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 15th day of January 2010


Pamela L. McCue, RN, MS

Director, Nurse Registration & Nursing Education