State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Sheila Francis Gomes (C09-530)

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 Sheila Francis Gomes (NA35661) (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, Pawtucket, RI.

3. That is, on or about June and July 2009, Respondent stole a home care client's Sears Gold Master Card and activated the same client's extra Discover Financial Services Card/ATM Card from the client's telephone, and made unauthorized charges between $1591.98 and $1694.53 for personal use. Respondent admitted to the fraudulent use of credit cards to the Pawtucket Police Department.

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 three (3) years commencing November 30, 2009.

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 12th day of November 2009

Charles Alexandre, RN, MSN
Chief, Health Professions Regulation