State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations

Department of Health
Office of Health Professions Regulation

vs.

Ursula DaCruz (CO5-177)

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 Ursula DaCruz, NA (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 at all pertinent times, Respondent was employed by two (2) private homecare clients.
3. That on various dates in 2003, 2004 and 2005, Respondent did steal approximately $35,000-$40,000 from her homecare clients.
4. The conduct described in paragraph three (3) herein constitutes unprofessional conduct in Section 23-17.9-8(3), and Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder.

Based on the foregoing, the Rhode Island Department of Health hereby enters the following:

1. Nursing Assistant certification issued to the Respondent is hereby revoked for a period of not less than five (5) years commencing on 3 August 2005.

2. At the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the Nursing Assistant certification, 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 should 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 21 day of July 2005

Charles Alexandre

Charles Alexandre, Chief
Health Professions Regulation