

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION
AND NURSING EDUCATION**

vs.

DERRILYN RICHARD-HART (RN41807)

ORDER

Pursuant to Section 5-34-25 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment, a complaint was filed with the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education (hereinafter referred to as "Board") charging Derrilyn Richard-Hart, RN, Respondent, with violation of Chapter 5-34 of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, 2004 Reenactment.

After consideration by the Investigating Subcommittee of the Board, the following constitutes the Findings of Fact with respect to the professional performance of the Respondent.

1. Respondent is a registered nurse and licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about April 5, 2006 Respondent did admit to the Warwick, Rhode Island Police that she did enter Harborside Healthcare Greenwood Rehab and Nursing Center and removed two Duragesic patches from a patient for her personal use; that Respondent was subsequently arrested by the Warwick Police and charged with a felony count of larceny of a controlled substance.
3. That the conduct described in paragraph three (3) above constitutes unprofessional conduct as defined in Sections 5-34-19 (c) in that Respondent's actions fail to conform to the standards established by the nursing profession.

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

1. That the registered nurse license issued to the Respondent is hereby Suspended effective immediately.
2. That at the time Respondent seeks reinstatement of the registered nurse license, she shall submit documentation to the Board evidencing that she is capable and competent to engage in the practice of nursing. Such documentation to the Board shall include, but not be limited to, evidence and reports from a health care professional that the Respondent has consistently been undergoing treatment for substance abuse, and such other information as the Board may deem appropriate at that time.
3. That this Order shall remain in full force and effect pending further Order of the Board.

Entered as an Order of the Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education on April 7, 2006.

Date: April 7, 2006

Charles Alexander Jr
President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education