

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

vs.

JOHN LOUIS MOCCIA, RN (RN40737)

CONSENT 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 John Moccia, 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.

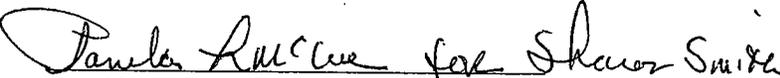
1. Respondent is a registered nurse and licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
2. From on or about February 6, 2007 to on or about March 23, 2007, in the District of Rhode Island, Respondent did knowingly and intentionally acquire and obtain possession of fentanyl, a Schedule II controlled substance, by misrepresentation, fraud, forgery, deception, and subterfuge, in that the defendant, while employed as a registered nurse at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island, did alter and forge controlled substance administration records at the hospital in order to hide his acquisition of fentanyl.

3. Respondent, upon immediately entering his plea of guilty to a United States Federal Court, agrees to voluntarily surrender his Rhode Island registered nurse license to the Board and agrees not to reapply for a nursing license in any state, including but not limited to Rhode Island, for a period of at least three years. Respondent understands that his ability to obtain a registered nurse license thereafter is at the sole discretion of the Board
4. That the conduct described in paragraph three (2) 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.

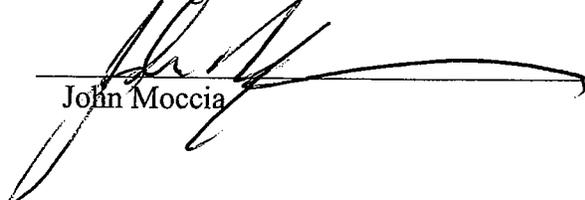
Based upon the foregoing, the Board hereby enters the following Order:

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

Date: ~~3/10/08~~ ^{error PCM} 7/23/08


 Paula Rucce for Sharon Smith
 President, Board of Nurse Registration
 and Nursing Education

Date: 3-11/08


 John Moccia