

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

vs.

KATHLEEN MUNDY, RN (RN25367)

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 Kathleen Mundy, 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 September 23, 2006, Respondent was arrested for submitting a fraudulent prescription for Vicodin at a local pharmacy.
3. That on or about October 24, 2006, a letter was received from "concerned coworkers at a local nursing home," alleging that Respondent had a substance abuse problem and that they felt Respondent was a danger to their patients.
4. That Respondent failed to respond to the Board of Nursing in letters dated November 6, 2006 and January 2, 2007.

5. That the conduct described in paragraph two (2), three (3) and four (4), 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 February 12, 2007.
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 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 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 at a meeting held on Feb. 12, 2007

Date: Feb 12 2007

Sharon K. Smith
President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education