

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH :
BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION :
AND NURSING EDUCATION :**

vs. : Case #: C14-0272

**Lynn A. Magnusen :
License No. RN33651 :**

SUMMARY SUSPENSION

Lynn Magnusen (hereinafter "Respondent") is a registered nurse pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-11 and holds license number RN33651. She is presently an employee of the Narragansett School Department.

Respondent is alleged to be in violation of the Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standard for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs section 12.1 (d) in that the Respondent has willfully and/or repeatedly violated the ethical principles governing the practice of nursing as adopted by the Board.. The Director of Department of Health makes the following findings of fact:

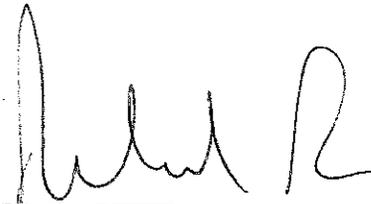
1. On March 14, 2014, Respondent was at Rippy's Liquor Mart , in Charlestown R.I. ("Rippy's") unconscious in her car. Staff at Rippy's removed Respondent's car keys and called the police as she appeared "high" on drugs or alcohol.
2. At 7:10pm on March 14, 2014, Officer Speck of the Charlestown Police Department ("CPD") observed Respondent in her vehicle. Respondent admitted to Officer Speck that she had a drug problem with heroin. Respondent admitted that there was contraband inside her vehicle. Respondent denied having any heroin in her possession.

3. Officer Speck observed drug paraphernalia in the car. After searching the vehicle Officer Speck located a glass pipe consistent with crack cocaine use, syringes, and a syringe with clear liquid suspected to be heroin.
4. Officer Speck called for assistance from a female Police Officer Knudsen to conduct a body search of the Respondent. Respondent denied having hidden any heroin on her person. Upon Officer Knudsen initiating the body search, Respondent admitted that she had concealed heroin in a plastic bag in a body cavity. Respondent retrieved a small bag of white powder suspected as heroin. This powder was tested by the police and came back positive as heroin.
5. Respondent was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance.
6. Respondent admitted to using heroin at 4pm on March 14, 2014, three (3) hours prior to the incident at Rippy's and her arrest.
7. The foregoing facts constitute a civil violation of R.I. Gen. Laws § 5-34-24(4) and (6).

Based upon the foregoing, the Director of Health has determined that the continuation of the license of Respondent in Nursing constitutes an imminent threat to the health, welfare and safety of the public. Accordingly, the nursing license of Respondent is hereby **suspended effective immediately** pursuant to R.I. General Laws § 5-34-26 and 42-35-14 (c). Said **Suspension** shall continue indefinitely pending further Order of the Department of Health. **A hearing on this matter is scheduled for April 11, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at the Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Room 404, Providence, Rhode Island 02908 before an**

**Administrative Law Hearing Officer. For questions, please contact Jane Morgan, Esq.,
at (401)222-1685.**

Signed this April 7, 2014, 2014.



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CERTIFICATION

I certify that the within SUMMARY SUSPENSION was served in person and sent by regular and certified mail to:

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on this _____ day of _____ 2014.