

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS**

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

vs.

PATRICIA DARUKA, RN (RN37772)

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 Patricia Daruka, 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.

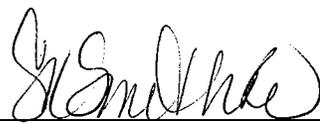
1. Respondent is a registered nurse and licensed to practice nursing in the State of Rhode Island.
2. That on or about April 3, 2007, Respondent contacted the Board stating that she diverted narcotics while employed at Phoenix House of New England and was subsequently arrested for this act.
3. That on April 3, 2007, Respondent stated that she would voluntarily surrender her license.
4. 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 surrender effective April 9, 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 April 9, 2007.

Date: April 9, 2007



President, Board of Nurse Registration
and Nursing Education