

**BEFORE THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING**

Landon State Office Building, 900 S.W. Jackson #1051  
Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230

**IN THE MATTER OF  
Andrea Renee Locke**

**License No. 13-114037-111  
Case No. 16-1005-7**

**EFFECTIVE AS A  
FINAL ORDER  
DATE: 2-21-2017**

**SUMMARY ORDER**

The above matter comes before the Kansas State Board of Nursing (Board) pursuant to authority granted to the Board by K.S.A. 65-1120. The Board hereby proposes to find facts and take disciplinary action against the nurse license of Andrea Locke, (Licensee) by way of Summary Order as provided by K.S.A. 77-537.

1. a. Licensee is licensed to practice nursing in the state of Kansas. The Board has jurisdiction over the Licensee and the subject matter of this action.
- b. Licensee’s address of record is 8960 Bluejacket, Overland Park KS 66214.
2. The role of the Kansas State Board of Nursing is to protect citizens of Kansas.
3. Pursuant to K.S.A. 65-1120(a), the Kansas State Board of Nursing may deny, revoke, limit or suspend any license, certificate of qualification or authorization to practice nursing as a registered professional nurse, as a licensed practical nurse, as an advanced registered nurse practitioner or as a registered nurse anesthetist that is issued by the board or applied for under this act or may publicly or privately censure a licensee or holder of a certificate of qualification or authorization, if the applicant, licensee or holder of a certificate of qualification or authorization is found to have violated the Nurse Practice Act. Pursuant to K.S.A. 74-1110 the Kansas State Board of Nursing may also assess a civil fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the first violation of a law or rule and regulation applicable to the practice for which such person has been granted a license.
4. After an investigation, the Board’s investigative committee found reasonable grounds to believe that the Applicant violated the Kansas Nurse Practice Act, K.S.A. 65-1120, and referred this matter for further proceedings.
5. K.S.A. 77-511(a)(2)(A) of the Kansas Administrative Procedure Act authorizes the use of summary proceedings by a state agency if the use of summary proceedings does not violate any provision of law, the protection of the public interest does not require the state agency to give notice and an opportunity to participate to persons other than the parties, and the state agency believes in good faith, after investigation of the facts, that the allegations will be supported to the applicable standard of proof.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

6. (a) While employed at Providence Medical Center on or about April 5, 2016, licensee failed to administer pain medications that she drew for a patient, and documented that these

had been administered. Licensee was terminated by Providence.

(b) Licensee admitted to violating Providence policy by removing drugs early from the Omnicell, and in improperly printing out patient armbands regarding medication administration.

(c) Licensee self-referred to KNAP

(d) On or about September 19, 2016 a urinary drug screen of the licensee was positive for benzoylecgonine, a metabolite of cocaine. Licensee admitted to cocaine use to the investigator for the Kansas State Board of Nursing.

(e) On September 27, 2016 KNAP determined the licensee was not safe to practice as a nurse until a re-evaluation determined licensee was safe to practice.

(f) No such re-evaluation has occurred.

### VIOLATIONS

7. The above fact findings establish evidence that the Licensee violated the following provisions of the Kansas Nurse Practice Act:

Count 1: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(1), to be guilty of fraud or deceit in practicing nursing.

Count 2: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(4), to be unable to practice with skill and safety due to current abuse of drugs or alcohol.

Count 3: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit: failing to complete the requirements of the impaired provider program of the Board.

Count 4: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit: diverting drugs, supplies, or property of any patient or agency.

Count 5: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit: failing to take appropriate action or to follow policies and procedures in the practice situation designed to safeguard each patient.

Count 6: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit: inaccurately recording, falsifying, or altering any record of a patient or agency or of the board.

Count 7: K.S.A. 65-1120(a)(6) and K.A.R. 60-3-110, to be guilty of unprofessional conduct as defined by rules and regulations of the board; to wit: physical abuse, which is defined as any act or failure to act performed intentionally or carelessly that causes or is likely to cause harm to a patient, specifically the failure or omission to provide any goods or services that are reasonably necessary to ensure safety and well-being and to avoid physical or mental harm.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED BY THE KANSAS STATE BOARD OF NURSING THAT:**

**1. Licensee's license is suspended.**

2. Licensee shall not practice nursing in the state of Kansas.
3. Licensee's suspension shall continue until (1) she has been determined to be safe to practice, and (2) then compliant with KNAP for a year. Upon these two requirements being met licensee can then request her suspension be lifted.

Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-537, this decision, which is called a Summary Order, is subject to your request for a hearing. If you desire a hearing, you must submit or direct a written request for hearing to: Kansas State Board of Nursing, Legal Division, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1230, (785) 296-4325. THIS REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN FIFTEEN (15) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ORDER. If a hearing is not requested in the time and manner stated, this Summary Order becomes effective as a final order, without further notice, upon the expiration of the time for requesting a hearing. If a hearing is requested, the prior issuance of a summary order shall not affect the burden of proof. Pursuant to K.S.A. 77-531, if the Summary Order is served by mail, three days are added to the time limits set out above.

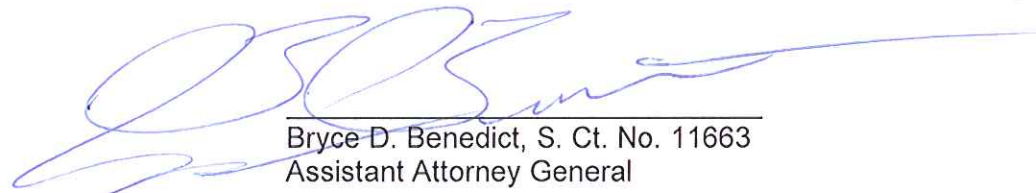


Judith Hiner, RN, BSN  
Investigative Committee, Chair  
Kansas State Board of Nursing

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017, the foregoing copy of the Summary Order was served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

Andrea Locke  
8960 Bluejacket  
Overland Park KS 66214



Bryce D. Benedict, S. Ct. No. 11663  
Assistant Attorney General



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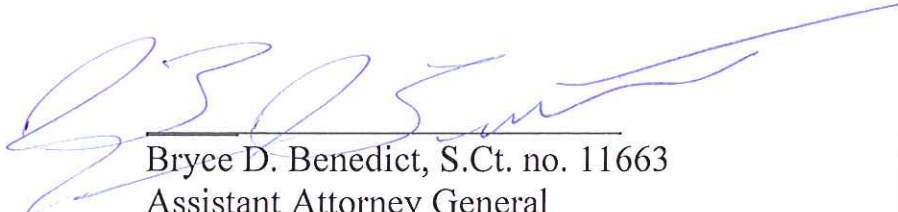
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that this is a Final Order. A Final Order is effective upon service. A party to an agency proceeding may seek judicial review of a Final Order by filing a petition in the District Court as authorized by K.S.A. 77-601, *et seq.* A petition must be filed within 30 days following service of the Final Order. A copy of any petition for judicial review must be served upon Mary Blubaugh, Executive Administrator, Kansas State Board of Nursing, 900 SW Jackson, Suite 1051, Topeka KS 66612.

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I certify that on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2017, a copy of the Final Order and Final Order Notice of Rights was served by depositing the same in the United States Mail, first-class postage prepaid, addressed to the following:

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