

**VIRGINIA:**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE:**

**CARMEN C. GOMEZ (BORGES), R.N.**

**CONSENT ORDER**

The Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) and Carmen C. Gomez (Borges), R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Gomez’s (Borges’) license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Carmen C. Gomez (Borges), R.N. was issued License No. 0001-191588 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on July 21, 2004.
2. By her own admission, during the course of her employment at Henrico Doctors’ Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, Ms. Gomez (Borges) diverted Demerol (meperidine, Schedule II) injectable from approximately January 2006 through approximately November 2006, from the Acudose drug dispensing system, which she self-injected during the course of her shifts. She accomplished said diversions by either diverting from the supplies of patients for whom the medications were ordered but were not needed for patient use, falsifying physician orders, falsifying medication administration records, and/or falsifying wastage documentation. As a result, her employment was terminated.
3. On or about November 22, 2006, during an interview with a Department of Health Professions’ investigator, Ms. Gomez (Borges) admitted a dependence on narcotic pain medication.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

1. Finding of Fact # 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (3), (5), (6) and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c), (e) and (k) of the Board of Nursing Regulations.
2. Finding of Fact #3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code.

### **CONSENT**

Carmen C. Gomez (Borges), R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. Ms. Gomez (Borges) has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. Ms. Gomez (Borges) acknowledges that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 2.2-4000(A) *et seq.* of the Code;
3. Ms. Gomez (Borges) acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to a formal fact finding hearing before the Board, the right to reasonable notice of said hearing, the right to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;
4. Ms. Gomez (Borges) waives all such right to a formal hearing;
5. Ms. Gomez (Borges) admits to the Findings of Fact contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. Ms. Gomez (Borges) consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her right to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

### **ORDER**

WHEREFORE, on the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, and in lieu of further proceedings, hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. License No. 0001-191588 of Carmen C. Gomez (Borges) is INDEFINITELY SUSPENDED.

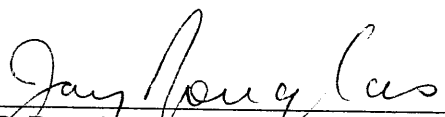
2. The license will be recorded as suspended and no longer current.

3. At such time as Ms. Gomez (Borges) shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, an administrative proceeding will be convened to determine whether she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of nursing. Ms. Gomez (Borges) shall be responsible for any fees that may be required for the reinstatement and renewal of the license prior to issuance of the license to resume practice.

4. This suspension applies to any multistate privilege to practice nursing.

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4023 and 54.1-2400.2 of the Code, the signed original of this Order shall remain in the custody of the Department of Health Professions as public record and shall be made available for public inspection or copying upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

  
Jay E. Douglas, R.N., M.S.M., C.S.A.C.  
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Carmen C. Gomez (Borges)  
Carmen C. Gomez (Borges), R.N.

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA,  
COUNTY/CITY OF Henrico, TO WIT:

Subscribed and sworn to before me, Jessica Jackson, a Notary Public, this 7 day of March, 2007.

My commission expires Sept. 30, 2010.

Jessica Jackson  
NOTARY PUBLIC