

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CARMEN C. GOMEZ (BORGES), R.N.

NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4020, 2.2-4021, 54.1-110 and 54.1-2400(11) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), Carmen C. Gomez (Borges), R.N., who prior to its summary suspension by the Board of Nursing ("Board") on February 1, 2007, held License No. 0001-191588 to practice professional nursing in Virginia and License No. 0002-055954 to practice practical nursing, which expired on August 31, 2005, is hereby given notice that, pursuant to § 2.2-4024(F) of the Code, a formal administrative hearing will be held in the presence of a panel of the Board of Nursing ("Board"). The hearing will be held on March 19, 2007, at 1:00 p.m., at the offices of the Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, Fifth Floor, Richmond, Virginia, at which time Ms. Gomez (Borges) will be afforded the opportunity to be heard in person or by counsel.

At the hearing Ms. Gomez (Borges) has the following rights, among others: the right to representation by counsel; the right to have witnesses subpoenaed and to present witnesses on her behalf; the right to present documentary evidence; and the right to cross-examine adverse witnesses. If Ms. Gomez (Borges) desires any witnesses to appear on her behalf, she must notify the Director of Administrative Proceedings, Department of Health Professions, 6603 West Broad Street, 5th Floor, Richmond, Virginia 23230-1712, in accordance with the Instructions for Requesting Subpoenas.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive and act upon evidence that Ms. Gomez (Borges) may have violated certain laws and regulations governing the practice of nursing in Virginia, as more fully set forth in the Statement of Particulars below.

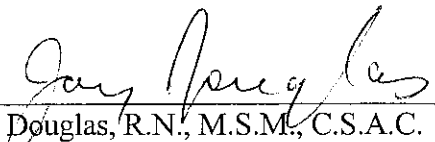
STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS

The Board alleges that:

1. During the course of her employment at Henrico Doctors' Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, Ms. Gomez (Borges) may have violated § 54.1-3007(2), (3), (5), (6) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-20-300(A)(2)(c), (e) and (k) of the Board of Nursing Regulations. Specifically, by her own admission, 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.

2. Ms. Gomez (Borges) may be in violation of § 54.1-3007(6) of the Code in that on or about November 22, 2006, during an interview with a Department of Health Professions' investigator, she admitted a dependence on narcotic pain medication.

FOR THE BOARD



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

ENTERED: February 2nd, 2007