

**BEFORE THE VIRGINIA BOARD OF NURSING**

**IN RE: FURDOUS MAHDI ELTAHIR, R.N.**  
**License Number: 0001-257133**  
**Issue Date: March 5, 2015**  
**Expiration Date: December 31, 2017**  
**Case Number: 168870**

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**NOTICE OF INFORMAL CONFERENCE  
AND STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

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**You are hereby notified that an Informal Conference has been scheduled before the Board of Nursing ("Board") regarding your license to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

<b>TYPE OF PROCEEDING:</b>	This is an informal conference before a Special Conference Committee of the Board of Nursing.
<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	<b>June 2, 2016 9:00 A.M.</b>
<b>PLACE:</b>	Virginia Department of Health Professions Perimeter Center - 9960 Mayland Drive 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor - Virginia Conference Center Henrico, Virginia 23233

**LEGAL AUTHORITY AND JURISDICTION:**

1. This informal conference is being held pursuant to Virginia Code §§ 2.2-4019 and 54.1-2400(10). This proceeding will be convened as a public meeting pursuant to Virginia Code § 2.2-3700.

2. At the conclusion of the proceeding, the Committee is authorized to take any of the following actions:

- Exonerate you;
- Reprimand you;
- Require you to pay a monetary penalty;
- Place you on probation and/or under terms and conditions;
- Refer the matter to the Board of Nursing for a formal administrative hearing;
- Offer you a consent order for suspension or revocation of your license in lieu of a formal hearing.

**DEFAULT:**

If you fail to appear at the informal conference, the Committee may proceed to hear this matter in your absence and may take any of the actions outlined above.

**RESPONDENT'S LEGAL RIGHTS:**

You have the right to the information on which the Committee will rely in making its decision, to be represented by counsel at this proceeding, to subpoena witnesses and/or documents, and to present relevant evidence on your behalf.

**COMMONWEALTH'S EXHIBIT:**

Enclosed is a copy of the documents that will be distributed to the members of the Committee and will be considered by the Committee when discussing any allegations with you and when deliberating on your case. **These documents are enclosed only with the notice sent by certified mail, which you may be required to claim at the post office. Please bring these documents with you to the informal conference.**

**FILING DEADLINES:**

1. Deadline for filing exhibits: **May 26, 2016**. Submit five copies of all documents you want the Board to consider to Dawnyel Towles, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233. Exhibits may not be sent by facsimile or e-mail. Please note that any documentation or evidence that you previously submitted for an informal conference must be resubmitted for consideration by the Board at the formal hearing.

2. Deadline for filing motions, including motions for continuance or objections to exhibits, in writing, to Dawnyel Towles at the above address: **May 26, 2016**. NOTE: Failure to object to the distribution prior to the proceeding will not affect your right to contest any information contained in these documents at the proceeding.

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**STATEMENT OF ALLEGATIONS**

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The Board of Nursing alleges that:

1. At all times relevant hereto, Furdous Mahdi Eltahir, R.N. was licensed to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. Furdous Mahdi Eltahir, R.N. violated Virginia Code § 54.1-3007(6) in that she is unsafe to practice professional nursing due to substance abuse and/or mental illness, as evidenced by her July 19, 2015, admission to Retreat Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, for a heroin overdose and her admission that she had used heroin on several occasions before the overdose to deal with emotional stressors in her life.



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Deputy Executive Director  
Virginia Board of Nursing

May 4, 2016  
Date