

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: **DESIREE REXRODE, C.N.A.
 Certificate No.: 1401-087650**

ORDER

In accordance with §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021 and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), an informal conference was conducted on behalf of the Board of Nursing ("Board") on January 5, 2016, in Henrico County, Virginia. Desiree Rexrode, C.N.A., was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel. Judith Piersall, R.N., B.S.N., serving as Agency Subordinate for the Board, submitted a Recommended Decision for consideration.

On March 23, 2016, a quorum of the Board met to receive and act upon the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate. Ms. Rexrode was not present nor was she represented by legal counsel.

Based upon its review of the Recommended Decision of the Agency Subordinate, the Board makes the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and issues the following Order.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Desiree Rexrode, C.N.A., was issued Certificate No. 1401-087650 to practice as a nurse aide in Virginia on July 21, 2001. The certificate is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2016.
2. By letter dated December 9, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference ("Notice") to Ms. Rexrode notifying her that an informal conference would be held on January 5, 2016. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 18 Ardmore Street, Verona, Virginia 24482, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing. On December 11, 2015, the Notice sent by certified mail was accepted by Kristen Rexrode. The Notice sent by first class mail was not returned to the Board office. The Agency Subordinate concluded that adequate notice was provided to Ms. Rexrode and the informal conference proceeded in her absence.
3. Between August 24, 2015, and September 8, 2015, during the course of her employment with

Interim Healthcare, Verona, Virginia, while providing care to Client A, Ms. Rexrode stole two checks from the client's checkbook, forged the client's signature, and cashed the checks for a total of \$840.00.

4. The client, who was alert and oriented, stated to the investigator for the Department of Health Professions ("Investigator") that she did not authorize Ms. Rexrode to write or take checks from her checkbook. Client A stated that she did not write any checks to Ms. Rexrode for any purpose. She also did not sign any checks written to Ms. Rexrode.

5. Ms. Rexrode was photographed by a bank security camera cashing the stolen checks.

6. Ms. Rexrode's employment with Interim Healthcare was terminated, as a result of the above incident.

7. Ms. Rexrode stated to the investigator that the check for \$400.00 was a loan from Client A, and the check for \$440.00 was for work she performed after her termination from Interim Healthcare.

8. Between 2007 and 2014, Ms. Rexrode has been terminated five times by four different employers. She was terminated four times for attendance issues and once for turning in an invalid timesheet.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code and 18 VAC 90-25-100(e) and (h) of the Regulations Governing Certified Nurse Aides.

2. Finding of Fact No. 3 and Conclusion of Law No. 1 constitute a Finding of Misappropriation of patient property pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D) of the Code of Federal Regulations.

ORDER

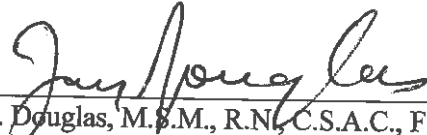
WHEREFORE, it is hereby ORDERED as follows:

1. Certificate No. 1401-087650 of Desiree Rexrode to practice as a nurse aide is REVOKED.
2. The certificate will be recorded as revoked and no longer current.
3. A Finding of Misappropriation of patient property shall be ENTERED against Ms. Rexrode in the Virginia Nurse Aide Registry pursuant to 42 CFR § 483.13(c)(1)(ii)(B) and 42 CFR § 483.156(b)(2) and (c)(1)(iv)(D). This finding prohibits Ms. Rexrode's employment as a certified nurse aide in any long-term care

Pursuant to § 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 a public record, and shall be made available for public inspection and copying upon request.

Since Ms. Rexrode failed to appear at the informal conference, this Order shall be considered final. Ms. Rexrode has the right to appeal this Order directly to the appropriate Virginia circuit court. As provided by Rule 2A:2 of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Ms. Rexrode has (30) thirty days from the date of service (the date she actually received this decision or the date it was mailed to her, whichever occurred first) within which to appeal this decision by filing a Notice of Appeal with Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, at Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Richmond, Virginia 23233. In the event that this decision is served by mail, three days are added to that period.

FOR THE BOARD



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

Entered: March 29th, 2016

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