

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: CHRISTOPHER CAFAZZA, R.N.

License No.: 0001-212430

ORDER

Pursuant to §§ 2.2-4019, 2.2-4021, and 54.1-2400(10) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended (“Code”), a Special Conference Committee (“Committee”) of the Virginia Board of Nursing (“Board”) met on April 14, 2015, in Henrico County, Virginia, to inquire into evidence that Christopher Cafazza, R.N., may have violated certain laws and regulations governing professional nursing practice in Virginia. Mr. Cafazza was present and was not represented by counsel.

Upon consideration of the evidence, the Committee adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Christopher Cafazza, R.N., was issued License No. 0001-212430 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia on May 28, 2008. Said license expires on June 30, 2016. Mr. Cafazza’s primary state of residence is Virginia.

2. By letter dated March 18, 2015, the Board of Nursing sent a Notice of Informal Conference (“Notice”) to Mr. Cafazza notifying him that an informal conference would be held on April 14, 2015. The Notice was sent by certified and first class mail to 1060 Telegraph Station Road, Glen Allen, Virginia, 23060, the address of record on file with the Board of Nursing.

3. During the course of his employment with St. Mary’s Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, in January 2014, Mr. Cafazza reported to work for a day shift after having been up all night arguing with his spouse. Upon arriving at work, he was observed to have slurred speech and bloodshot eyes.

4. Mr. Cafazza resigned his employment from St. Mary's Hospital following this incident.

5. Mr. Cafazza is currently seeing a counselor. He is currently working at Chippenham Johnston-Willis, Richmond, Virginia, in the intensive care unit.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Finding of Fact No. 3 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(5) of the Code.

ORDER

On the basis of the foregoing, the Committee hereby ORDERS as follows:

1. Christopher Cafazza, R.N., is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Mr. Cafazza shall maintain a course of conduct in his capacity as a professional nurse commensurate with the requirements of § 54.1-3000 *et seq.* of the Code and the Board of Nursing Regulations.

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 on request.

Pursuant to Section 54.1-2400(10) of the Code, Mr. Cafazza may, not later than 5:00 p.m., on June 10, 2015, notify Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E., Executive Director, Board of Nursing, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, Virginia 23233, in writing that he desires a formal administrative hearing before the Board. Upon the filing with the Executive Director of a request for the hearing, this Order shall be vacated.

FOR THE COMMITTEE:

for *Gloria Mitchell-Lively*
Jay P. Douglas, M.S.M., R.N., C.S.A.C., F.R.E.
Executive Director, Virginia Board of Nursing

ENTERED: *May 8, 2015*

This Order shall become final on June 10, 2015, unless a request for a formal administrative hearing is received as described above.

Certified True Copy

By *[Signature]*
Virginia Board of Nursing