

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE BOARD OF NURSING

**IN RE: NICOLE C. TCHEUFFA, R.N.
License No.: 0001-234754**

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia Board of Nursing ("Board") and Nicole C. Tcheuffa, R.N., as evidenced by her signature hereto, enter into the following Consent Order affecting Ms. Tcheuffa's license to practice professional nursing in Virginia.

The Board adopts the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Nicole C. Tcheuffa, R.N. was issued License No. 0001-234754 to practice professional nursing by the Virginia Board of Nursing on December 1, 2011. Said license expired on December 31, 2014. She also holds licenses as a professional nurse in the District of Columbia and Maryland. Her primary state of residence is the District of Columbia.
2. On November 16, 2013, during the course of her employment as a professional nurse on the Behavioral Unit of the Norvant Prince William Medical Center, Manassas, Virginia, Ms. Tcheuffa was assigned to one-on-one observation of a patient with mental health problems. Ms. Tcheuffa failed to keep track of the patient. The patient wandered to a second patient's room and assaulted the second patient.
3. All criminal charges against the patient regarding the alleged assault were nolle prosequi prior to the completion of the investigation.
4. As a result of the incident, Ms. Tcheuffa resigned from her employment.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that Finding of Fact No. 2 constitutes a violation of § 54.1-3007(2), (5) and (8) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended ("Code"), and 18 VAC-90-20-300(A)(2)(f) of the Regulations Governing the Practice of Nursing ("Regulations").

CONSENT

Nicole C. Tcheuffa, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She has been advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;
2. She 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. She acknowledges that she has the following rights, among others: the right to an informal fact finding conference 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. She waives all such right to an informal conference;
5. She admits to the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law contained herein and waives her right to contest such Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in any subsequent proceeding before the Board;
6. She 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. Nicole C. Tcheuffa, R.N. is hereby REPRIMANDED.

2. Ms. Tcheuffa shall maintain a course of conduct in her 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 upon request.

FOR THE BOARD

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

ENTERED: *February 13, 2015*

SEEN AND AGREED TO:

Nicole C. Tcheuffa

Nicole C. Tcheuffa, R.N.

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

Subscribed and sworn to before me, *Willie Outlaw*, a Notary Public, this 9 day of February, 2015.

My commission expires *1/20/2020*

Registration Number _____

Certified True Copy

By *Stamp*
Virginia Board of Nursing

NOTARY PUBLIC

