

VIRGINIA:

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING

IN RE: DIANNA D. PALMER, R.N. VIRGINIA:

CONSENT ORDER

The Virginia State Board of Nursing (the "Board") and Dianna D. Palmer, R.N. and with the consent of Dianna D. Palmer, R.N., as evidenced by her signature affixed below, enter into the following Consent Order in lieu of proceeding to a formal administrative hearing in this cause.

FINDINGS OF FACT

The Board makes the following Findings of Fact:

1. That Dianna D. Palmer, R.N. holds license No. 0001-082019 to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
2. By order of the State Board of Nursing dated March 24, 1987, the license of Dianna D. Palmer, R.N. was placed on probation due to her diversion and self-administration of Demerol and Dilaudid, both Schedule II controlled substances, during the course of her employment at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia.
3. On divers occasions between December, 1987 and June 30, 1988, Dianna D. Palmer, R.N., during the course of her employment as a professional nurse at St. Luke's Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, diverted various Schedule II controlled substances, to include Demerol, Dilaudid, and Morphine Sulfate, for her own personal and unauthorized use.

4. On June 20, 1988, in order to conceal her diversion of Demerol and Dilaudid, Dianna D. Palmer, R.N., falsified certain hospital patient records as follows:

- a. She signed out Demerol 75mg and Dilaudid 2mg for Patient A, and charted the administration of these drugs to the patient, which was false in that she had diverted these drugs for her own personal and unauthorized use. Further, she falsely charted a verbal order from the attending physician for Dilaudid for this patient, which was false, in that no such order had been received.
- b. She signed out Demerol 75mg for Patient B, and charted the administration of this drug to the patient, which was false in that she diverted this drug for her own personal and unauthorized use.
- c. By her own admission, she administered Vistaril and Phernegan, both Schedule VI controlled substances to Patients A and B, which she failed to chart on the patients records. These drugs were administered by her as a substitute for the Demerol which had been ordered for these patients.

5. Dianna D. Palmer, R.N., is unable to practice nursing with reasonable skill and safety to patients by reason of illness, excessive use of drugs, narcotics or chemicals, or as a result of her mental or physical condition.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The Board concludes that the Findings of Fact 2 through 5 constitute a violation of § 54-367.32(F), (G), (H), (I), and (J) of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and § 4.1B (3), (5), and (6) of the Regulations of the Board of Nursing.

CONSENT

Dianna D. Palmer, R.N., by affixing her signature hereon, agrees to the following:

1. She acknowledges that she has been specifically advised to seek advice of counsel prior to signing this document;

2. She acknowledges that she is fully aware that without her consent, no legal action can be taken against her except pursuant to the Virginia Administrative Process Act, § 9-6.14:1 et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended;

3. She acknowledges that she has the following rights among others: the right to a formal fact finding hearing before the Board, to reasonable notice of said hearing, to representation by counsel, and the right to cross-examine witnesses against her;

4. She waives all such rights to a formal hearing;

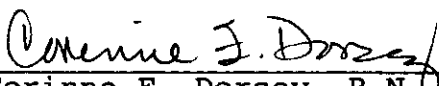
5. She admits to the truth of the foregoing Findings of Fact;

6. She consents to the entry of the following Order affecting her license to practice nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

ORDER

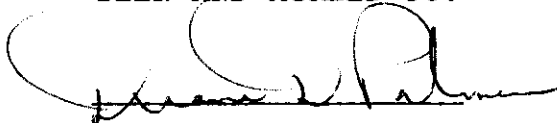
On the basis of the foregoing, the Virginia State Board of Nursing, effective upon entry of this Order, hereby ORDERS that license No. 0001-082019 issued to Dianna D. Palmer, R.N., to practice professional nursing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, be SUSPENDED for a period of not less than two years. At such time as she shall petition the Board for reinstatement of her license, a formal hearing will be convened to receive evidence satisfactory to the Board that she is capable of resuming the safe and competent practice of nursing.

FOR THE BOARD


Corinne F. Dorsey, R.N.
Executive Director

ENTERED: September 6, 1988

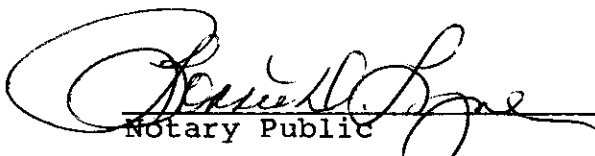
SEEN AND AGREED TO:



Subscribed and sworn to before me, Bonnie D. Layne, a Notary Public in and for the City/County of Henrico, Commonwealth of Virginia, by Dianna D. Palmer this 6th day of September, 1988.

My commission expires:

May 21, 1991


Notary Public

Received: September 7, 1980

By: Wynne A. Mullis for Bernard L. Henderson,
Bernard L. Henderson, Jr., Director
Department of Health Regulatory Boards

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